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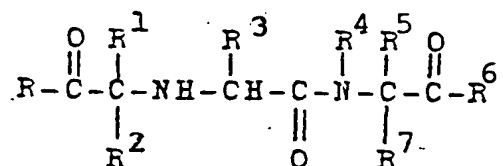
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Abstract

Carboxyalkyl dipeptides, processes for their production and pharmaceutical compositions containing them.

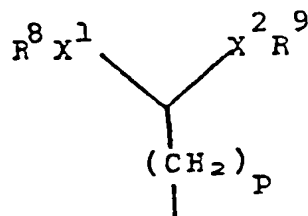
Disclosed are novel carboxyalkyl dipeptides which  
5 are useful as inhibitors of angiotensin converting enzyme and  
as antihypertensive agents, having the formula



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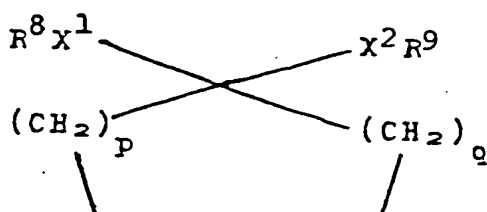
and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein  
R and R<sup>6</sup> are for example hydroxy, lower alkoxy or aryl lower-  
10 alkoxy; R<sup>1</sup> is for example hydrogen, alkyl, lower alkoxy or  
aryloxy; R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are the same or different and are hydrogen  
or lower alkyl; R<sup>3</sup> is for example lower alkyl or phenyl lower  
alkyl; R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are selected from hydrogen, lower alkyl and  
Z, or R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> taken together form a group represented by  
15 Q, U, V, Y, D or E wherein

Z is

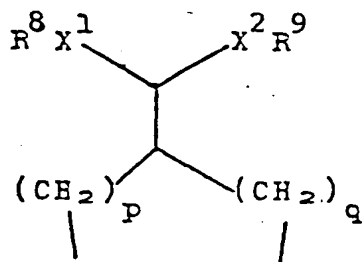


wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  independent of each other are O, S or  $CH_2$ ,  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  independent of each other are lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, cycloalkyl having 3 to 8 carbon atoms, hydroxy lower alkyl or  $-(CH_2)_n Ar$ , wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3 or  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together form a bridge W, wherein W is a single bond or a methylene bridge or a substituted methylene bridge when at least one of  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  is methylene, or W is an alkylene or substituted alkylene bridge having 2 or 3 carbon atoms; with the proviso that at least one of  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  is Z;

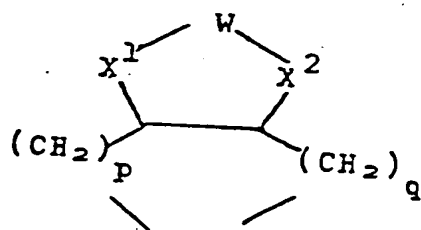
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15 V is

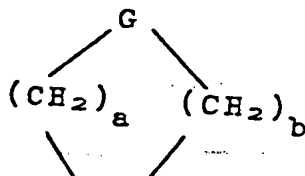


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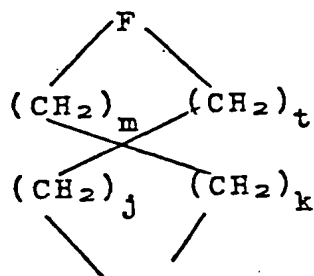
wherein  $X^1$ ,  $X^2$  and  $W$  are as defined above;

Y is



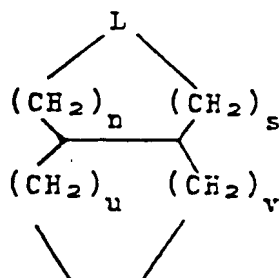
wherein  $G$  is oxygen, sulfur or  $CH_2$ ;

D is



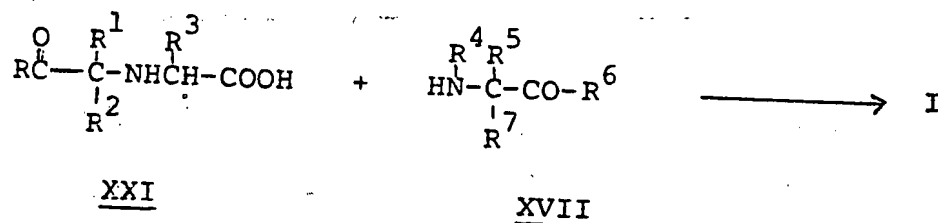
wherein  $F$  is  $O$  or  $S$ ;

E is



wherein L is O or S.

The compounds can be prepared according to known methods such  
5 as for example by condensation of an aminoacid XXI with an  
aminoacid XVII

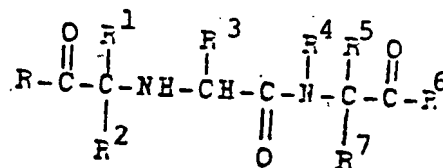


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Carboxyalkyl dipeptides, processes for their production and pharmaceutical compositions containing them.

The present invention relates to carboxyalkyl dipeptides which are useful as inhibitors of angiotensin-  
5 converting enzyme and as antihypertensive agents.

The compounds of the present invention are compounds of the formula



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and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,  
10 wherein R and R<sup>6</sup> are the same or different and are hydroxy, lower alkoxy, lower alkenyloxy, dilower alkylamino lower alkoxy (e.g. dimethylaminoethoxy), acylamino lower alkoxy (e.g. acetylaminoethoxy), acyloxy lower alkoxy (e.g. pivaloyloxyethoxy), aryloxy (e.g. phenoxy), arylloweralkoxy  
15 (e.g. benzyloxy), amino, lower alkylamino, dilower alkyl-

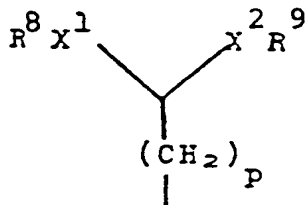
amino, hydroxyamino, aryl lower alkylamino (e.g. benzylamino),  
or substituted aryloxy or substituted aryl lower alkoxy  
wherein the substituent is methyl, halo or methoxy;  $R^1$  is  
hydrogen, alkyl of from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, including  
5 branched and cyclic and unsaturated (e.g. allyl) alkyl  
groups, substituted lower alkyl wherein the substituent is  
hydroxy, lower alkoxy, aryloxy (e.g. phenoxy), substituted  
aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, substituted heteroaryloxy, amino,  
lower alkylamino, diloweralkylamino, acylamino, arylamino,  
10 substituted arylamino, guanidino, imidazolyl, indolyl, lower  
alkylthio, arylthio (e.g. phenylthio), substituted arylthio,  
carboxy, carbamoyl, lower alkoxy carbonyl, aryl (e.g. phenyl  
or naphthyl), substituted aryl, aralkyloxy, substituted aral-  
kyloxy, aralkylthio, or substituted aralkylthio, wherein the  
15 aryl or heteroaryl portion of said substituted aryloxy, he-  
teroaryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryl, aralkyloxy or aral-  
kylthio groups is substituted with a group selected from  
halo, loweralkyl, hydroxy, lower alkoxy, amino, aminomethyl,  
carboxyl, cyano and sulfamoyl;  $R^2$  and  $R^7$  are the same or  
20 different and are hydrogen or lower alkyl;  $R^3$  is hydrogen,  
lower alkyl, phenyl lower alkyl, aminomethylphenyl lower  
alkyl, hydroxyphenyl lower alkyl, hydroxy lower alkyl, acyl-  
amino lower alkyl (e.g. benzoylamino lower alkyl or acetylamino  
lower alkyl), amino lower alkyl, dimethylamino lower alkyl,  
25 guanidino lower alkyl, imidazolyl lower alkyl, indolyl lower  
alkyl, or lower alkylthio lower alkyl;  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are selected



from hydrogen, lower alkyl and Z, or  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  taken together form a group represented by Q, U, V, Y, D or E wherein;

Z is

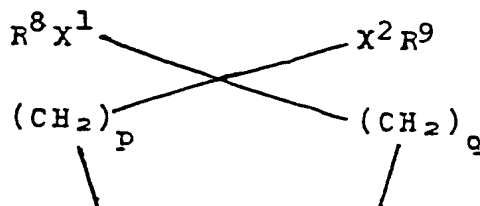
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wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  independent of each other are O, S or  $CH_2$ ,  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  independent of each other are lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, cycloalkyl having 3 to 8 carbon atoms, hydroxy lower alkyl or  $-(CH_2)_n Ar$ , wherein n is 10 0, 1, 2 or 3 and Ar is unsubstituted or substituted phenyl, furyl, thienyl or pyridyl, wherein said substituted phenyl, furyl, thienyl or pyridyl groups are substituted with at least one group that is independently selected from  $C_1$  to  $C_4$  alkyl, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, halo,  $CF_3$  and 15 hydroxy, or  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together form a bridge W, wherein W is a single bond or a methylene bridge or a substituted methylene bridge when at least one of  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  is methylene, or W is an alkylene or substituted alkylene bridge having 2 or 3 carbon atoms, said substituted methylene bridge or 20 said substituted alkylene bridge having one or two substituents selected from lower alkyl, aryl, and aryl lower alkyl

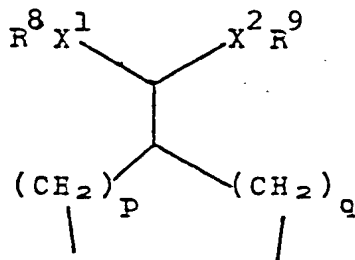
groups, and p is 0, 1 or 2; with the proviso that at least one of  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  is Z, with the proviso that if  $R^4$  is Z and p is 0 then  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  must both be methylene, and with the proviso that if  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are both methylene then  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  must form an alkylene bridge W;

Q is



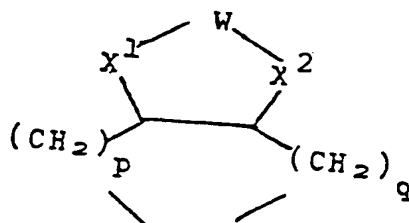
wherein  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are as defined above, p is 0, 1 or 2, q is 0, 1 or 2, with the proviso that the sum of p and q must be 1, 2 or 3, with the proviso that if p is 0 then  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  must be methylene, and with the proviso that if  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are methylene then  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together form a bridge W, wherein W is as defined above;

V is



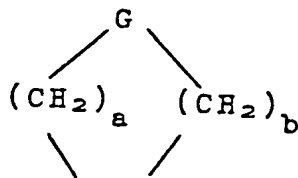
wherein  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are as defined above,  $p$  is 0, 1 or 2 and  $q$  is 0, 1 or 2, with the proviso that the sum of  $p$  and  $q$  is 1, 2 or 3, with the proviso that if  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are  $CH_2$  then  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together form a bridge  $W$ ,  
 5 wherein  $W$  is as defined above;

$U$  is



wherein  $W$  is as defined above (except that  $W$  may also be a methylene bridge when  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are oxygen or sulfur),  
 10  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are as defined above,  $p$  is 0, 1 or 2,  $q$  is 0, 1 or 2, with the proviso that the sum of  $p$  and  $q$  is 1 or 2, and with the proviso that if  $p$  is 0,  $X^1$  must be  $CH_2$ ;

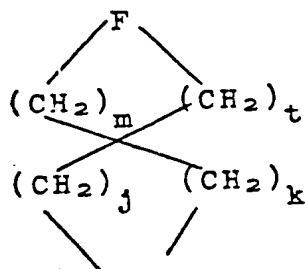
$Y$  is



15 wherein  $G$  is oxygen, sulfur or  $CH_2$ ,  $a$  is 2, 3 or 4 and  $b$  is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, with the proviso that the sum of  $a$  and  $b$  is 5, 6 or 7, or

- G is  $\text{CH}_2$ , a is 0, 1, 2 or 3 and b is 0, 1, 2 or 3 with the proviso that the sum of a and b is 1, 2 or 3, with the proviso that the sum of a and b may be 1, 2 or 3 only if  $\text{R}^1$  is lower alkyl substituted with aralkylthio or aralkyloxy
- 5 (that is, the group Y may be a 2, 3 or 4 carbon chain only when  $\text{R}^1$  is lower alkyl substituted with aralkylthio or aralkyloxy);

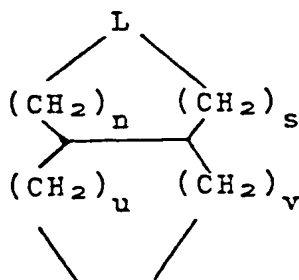
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- 10 wherein F is O or S, j is 0, 1 or 2, k is 0, 1 or 2, with the proviso that the sum of j and k must be 1, 2 or 3, and m is 1, 2 or 3 and t is 1, 2 or 3, with the proviso that the sum of m and t must be 2, 3 or 4;

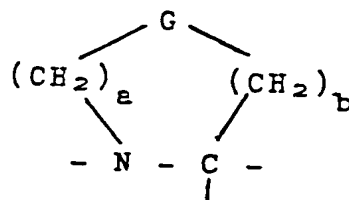
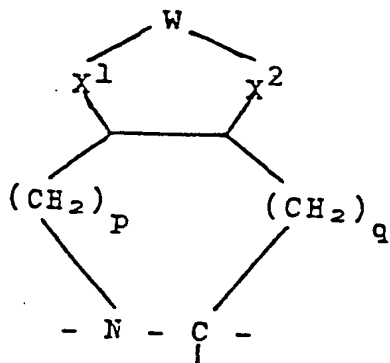
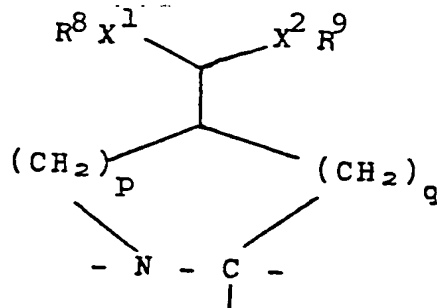
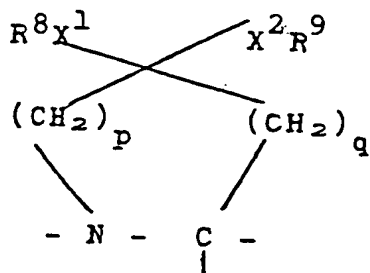
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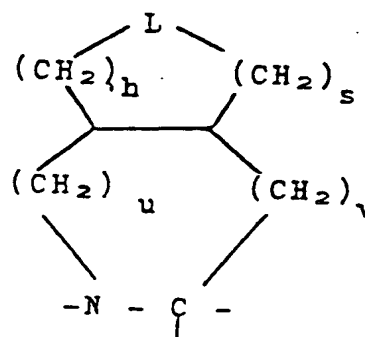
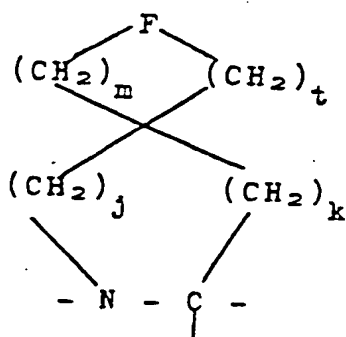
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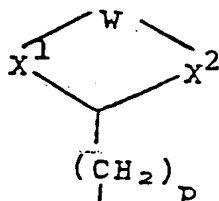
wherein L is O or S, u is 0, 1 or 2, v is 0, 1 or 2, with the proviso that the sum of u and v must be 1 or 2, and h is 1 or 2 and s is 1 or 2, with the proviso that the sum of h and s must be 2 or 3.

- 5 As will be seen from the above descriptions of the compounds of the present invention, when  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  form a group Q, U, V, Y, D or E, these groups, taken together with the nitrogen to which  $R^4$  is attached and the carbon to which  $R^5$  is attached, form various ring systems.
- 10 Included among these ring systems are the following:

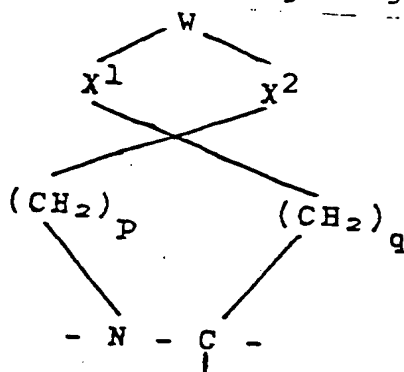




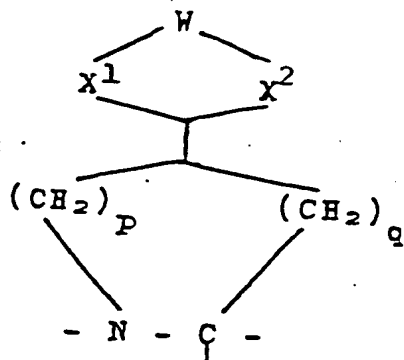
The aforementioned groups  $R^8$  and  $R^9$ , appearing in the groups Z, Q and V, may also form ring systems. Thus, for example when  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  in the group Z form a bridge W, as described above, the following ring system is formed:



When  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  in the group Q form a bridge W, as described above, the following ring system is formed:



10 When  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  in the group V form a bridge W, as described above, the following ring system is formed:

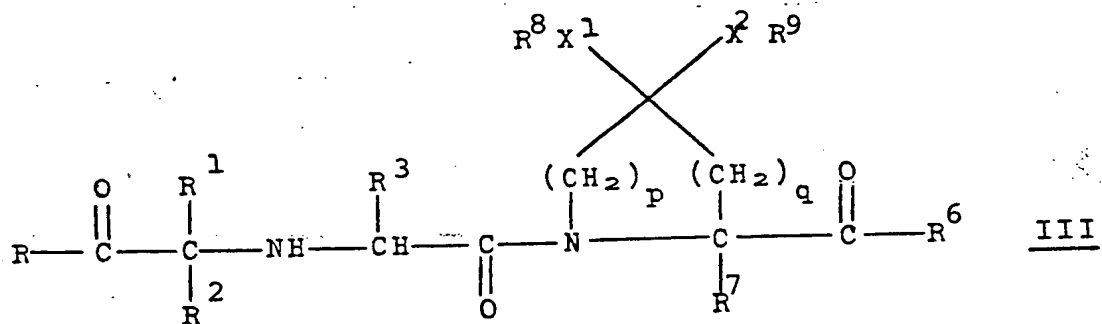


Each of the rings in the structures shown above will have at least four members. The values of  $p$ ,  $q$ ,  $m$ ,  $t$ ,  $j$ ,  $k$ ,  $h$ ,  $s$ ,  $n$  and  $v$  and the chosen definition of  $W$  in the  
 5 rings drawn above will determine whether any of the afore-  
 said rings will have 5 or 6 or more members.

Thus, one embodiment of the present invention comprises compounds of the formula I, wherein  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are  
 selected from hydrogen, lower alkyl and  $Z$ , wherein  $Z$ ,  $R$ ,  
 10  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are as defined above; especially com-  
 pounds wherein one of  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  is  $Z$ , and the other of  $R^4$   
 and  $R^5$  is hydrogen or lower alkyl. Among these compounds cer-  
 tain groups of compounds can be emphasized:  
 .) compounds wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are methylene,  $R^8$  and  $R^9$   
 15 taken together form  $W$ , and  $p$  and  $W$  are as defined above,  
 especially those wherein  $p$  is zero;  
 .) compounds wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are methylene,  $p$  is 0 or 1,  
 and  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together form an alkylene bridge having  
 3 carbon atoms;

- .) compounds wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are S, and  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ , and p are as defined above, especially those wherein p is 1 and  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together form W, wherein W is as defined above, preferably is an alkylene bridge having 3 carbon atoms;
- 5 .) compounds wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are O,  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  are lower alkyl and p is as defined above.

Another embodiment of the present invention comprises compounds of the formula



- 10 wherein  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $X^1$ ,  $X^2$ , p and q are as defined above for the group Q and wherein R,  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are as defined above.

Non-limiting examples of compounds of the formula III are

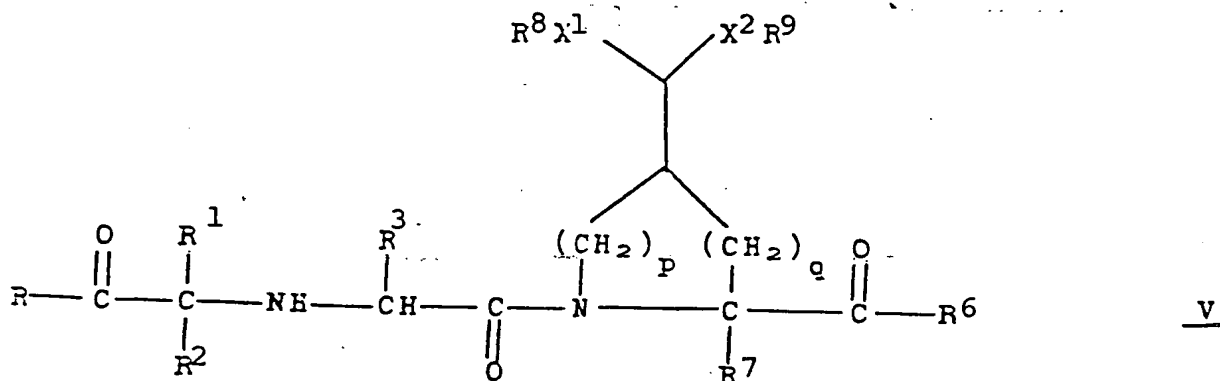
- 15 .) compounds wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are methylene,  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together form the bridge W, and p, q, and W are as defined above, especially wherein W is an ethylene bridge; wherein p and q are each 1, or  $\text{-----}$



wherein p is 0 and q is 2;

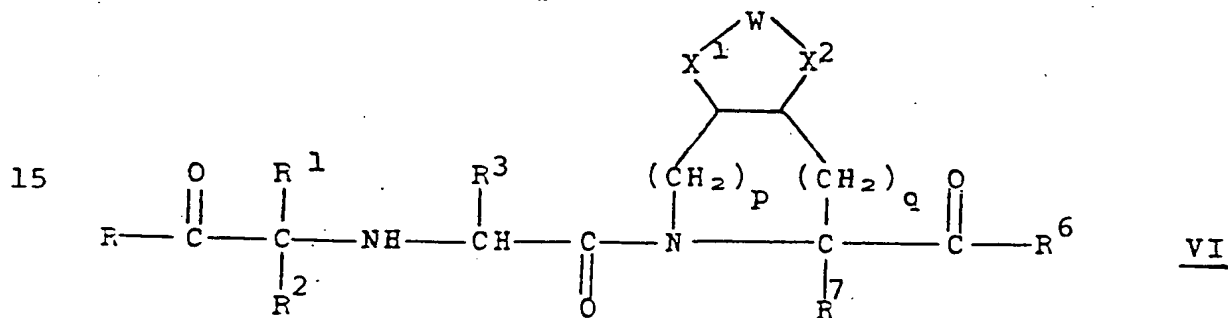
- .) compounds, wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are S, and  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ , p and q are as defined above, especially compounds wherein  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together form an ethylene bridge and p and q are as defined above, preferably are each 1 or p is 1 and q is 2.

Another embodiment of the present invention comprises compounds of the formula



- wherein  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $X^1$ ,  $X^2$ , p and q are as defined above for the group V and wherein R,  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are as defined above.

Another embodiment of the present invention comprises compounds of the formula

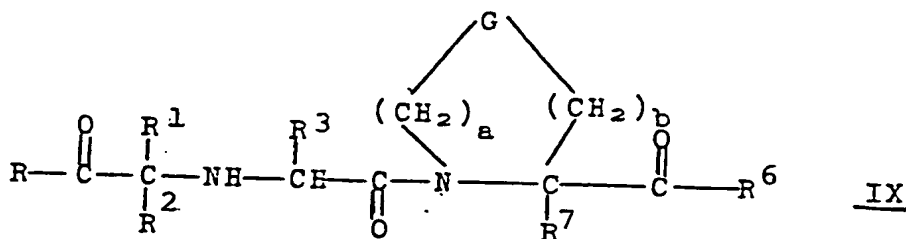


wherein  $x^1$ ,  $x^2$ , W, p and q are as defined above for the group U and R,  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are as defined above.

Non-limiting examples of compounds of the formula VI are

- 5 .) compounds, wherein  $x^1$  and  $x^2$  are methylene and W is methylene and p and q are as defined above, especially wherein p is 0 and q is 1 and wherein p is 0 and q is 2;
- .) compounds, wherein  $x^1$  and  $x^2$  are methylene and W is  
10 ethylene and p and q are as defined above, especially wherein p is 0 and q is 1, wherein p is 1 and q is 0 and wherein p is 0 and q is 2;
- .) compounds wherein  $x^1$  and  $x^2$  are methylene and W is tri-  
15 methylene and p and q are as defined above, especially wherein p is 0 and q is 1;
- .) compounds wherein  $x^1$  and  $x^2$  are methylene and W is methylene, ethylene or trimethylene substituted with one or two lower alkyl groups and p and q are as defined above,  
20 especially wherein p is 0 and q is 1;
- .) compounds, wherein  $x^1$  and  $x^2$  are O, W is methylene and p and q are as defined above.

Another embodiment of the present invention comprises compounds of the formula



wherein G, a and b are as defined above for the group Y and R, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are as defined above.

Non-limiting examples of compounds of the formula

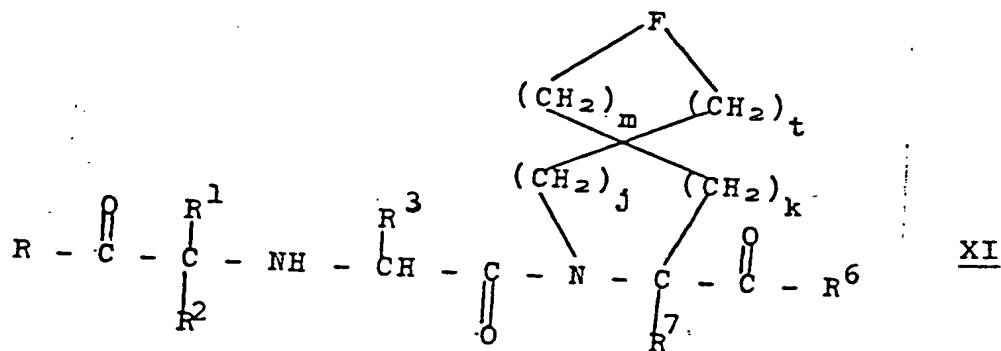
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.) compounds wherein G is oxygen or sulfur,  
a is 2, 3 or 4 and b is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5,  
with the proviso that the sum of a and b is 5, 6 or 7,  
especially 5;

10 .) compounds wherein G is CH<sub>2</sub>, a is 2, 3 or 4 and b is 1,  
2, 3, 4 or 5, with the proviso that the sum of a and b is  
5, 6 or 7, preferably 5;

.) compounds wherein G is CH<sub>2</sub>, a is 0, 1, 2 or 3, b is 0,  
1, 2 or 3 with the proviso that the sum of a and b is 1, 2 or  
15 3, with the proviso that the sum of a and b may be 1, 2 or 3  
only if R<sup>1</sup> is lower alkyl substituted with aralkylthio or  
aralkyloxy, the sum of a and b preferably being 2.

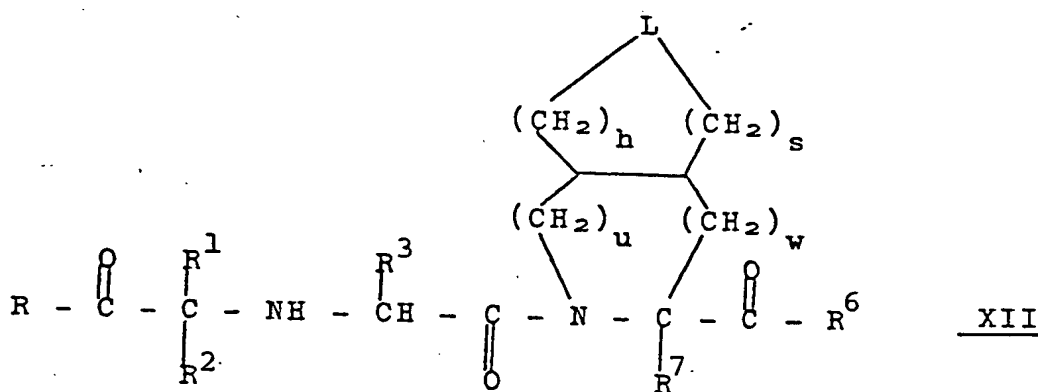
Another embodiment of the present invention comprises compounds of the formula



wherein F, m, t, j and k are as defined above for the group D and R, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are as defined above. The spiro group preferably is derived from spirononane or spirodecanane, especially from spiro [4.4]nonane or spiro-

5 [4.5] decane.

Another embodiment of the present invention comprises compounds of the formula



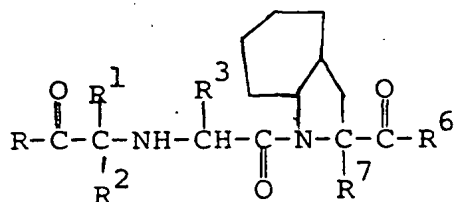
10 wherein L, h, s, u and v are as defined above for the group E and R, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are as defined above, the fused-ring group preferably being hexahydrofuro[3,4-b]-pyrrole-, -hexahydrothieno[3,4-b]pyrrole, octahydropyrano-

[3,4-b]pyrrole or -octahydrothiopyrano[3,4-b]pyrrole-.

In the above described compounds R, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> can be exemplified as follows:

- 5 .) R<sup>1</sup> is substituted lower alkyl, wherein the substituent is unsubstituted or lower-alkyl-substituted aryl, aralkyloxy or aralkylthio, in particular R<sup>1</sup> is substituted lower alkyl, wherein the substituent is aralkyloxy or aralkylthio, especially benzyloxy or benzylthio;
- 10 .) R and R<sup>6</sup> are the same or different and are hydroxy or lower alkoxy, especially R is hydroxy, methoxy or ethoxy and R<sup>6</sup> is hydroxy, ethoxy or benzyloxy;
- .) R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are hydrogen;
- .) R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, lower alkyl or phenyl lower alkyl,
- 15 especially hydrogen, methyl or benzyl.

Preferred subclasses of the present invention are aminoacyl-azabicycloalkane carboxylic acids, more preferably alanyl azabicycloalkane carboxylic acids and most preferably N-(alkoxycarbonyl alkylalanyl)-azabicycloalkane carboxylic acids. Aminoacylazabicycloalkane carboxylic acids that are particularly preferred are compounds of the formula



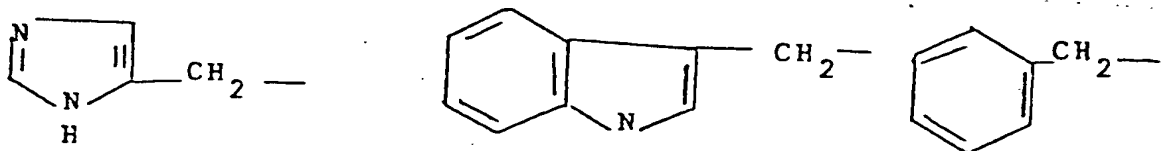
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Alanyl-azabicycloalkane carboxylic acids of the formula VII are more preferred and N-(alkoxycarbonylalkylalanyl)-azabicycloalkane carboxylic acids of the formula VII are most preferred.

5 Other preferred subclasses of the present invention are N-(alkoxycarbonyl-aralkyloxyalkyl) dipeptides and N-alkoxycarbonyl-aralkylthio-alkyl) dipeptides. Particularly preferred are \_\_\_\_\_ N-(alkoxycarbonyl-aralkylthioalkyl)-alanyl aminoacids, and most  
10 preferred are N-(alkoxycarbonyl-aralkylthioalkyl)-alanyl azacycloalkane carboxylic acids and the corresponding azabicycloalkane carboxylic acids.

The aforementioned compounds of the formula I, as defined above, include all possible stereoisomers. Acyl  
15 includes  $-OC-R^{12}$ , wherein  $R^{12}$  is lower alkyl, lower alkenyl or aryl. The lower alkyl, lower alkenyl or lower alkynyl groups except where noted otherwise are represented by any of the variables including straight and branched chain hydrocarbon radicals from one to six carbon atoms, for  
20 example, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, t-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, hexyl or vinyl, allyl, butenyl and the like. Cycloalkyl groups (containing 3 to 8 carbon atoms) include bridged and non-bridged groups. The aralkyl groups represented by any of the above variables have from  
25 one to four carbon atoms in the alkyl portion thereof and

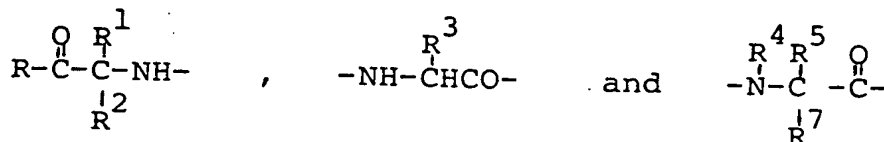
include for example, benzyl, p-methoxybenzyl and the like. Halo means chloro, bromo, iodo or fluoro. Aryl where it appears in any of the radicals except where noted otherwise represents phenyl or naphthyl. Heteroaryl groups where they appear include for example pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, indolyl, benzthienyl, imidazolyl and thiazolyl. The  $R_1$  and  $R_3$  substituted lower alkyl moieties are exemplified by groups such as



- 10  $HO-CH_2-$ ,  $HS-CH_2-$ ,  $H_2N-(CH_2)_4-$ ,  $CH_3-S-(CH_2)_2-$ ,  $H_2N-(CH_2)_3-$ ,  
 $H_2N-\overset{NH}{\underset{|}{C}}-NH-(CH_2)_3-$ .

In the compounds of the formula I, the carbon atoms to which  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^5$  are attached may be asymmetric. The compounds accordingly exist in diastereoisomeric forms or in mixtures thereof.

In general, the aminoacid part-structures, i.e.,

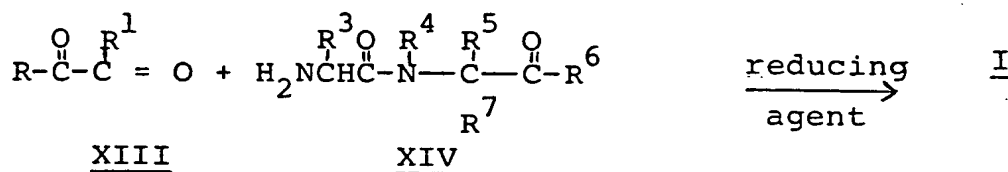


of Formula I are preferred in the configuration most similar to that of natural L-amino acids. Usually, natural L-amino

acids are assigned the S-configuration. A notable exception is the natural amino acid L-cysteine which is assigned the R-configuration.

The compounds of the present invention can be produced by one or more of the methods and subroutes depicted in the following equations. Reactive groups not involved in the condensations described below such as amino, carboxy, mercapto, etc., may be protected by methods standard in peptide chemistry prior to the coupling reactions and subsequently deprotected to obtain the desired products. In other words, in the formula of the following description of the processes  $R$ ,  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$ ,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are as defined above for Formula I, including suitable protection.

A. For the preparation of compounds of formula I, wherein  $R^2$  is hydrogen a ketocompound (XIII) is condensed with a dipeptide (XIV) under reduction.

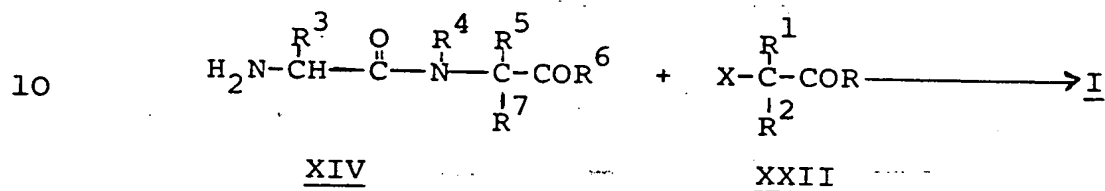


The ketocompound (XIII) can be condensed with the dipeptide (XIV) in aqueous solution, optimally near neutrality, or in a suitable organic solvent (for example,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ) in the presence of a reducing agent such as for example sodium



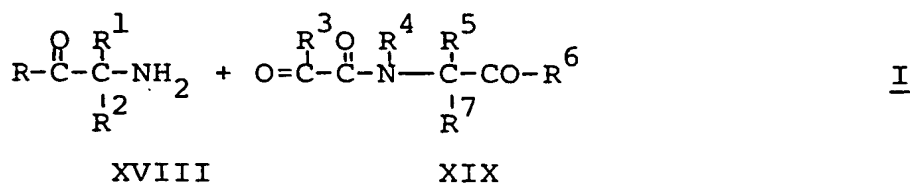
cyanoborohydride to give directly the desired compound I. Alternatively, the intermediate Schiff base, enamine, or aminol may be catalytically reduced to yield product I, for example, by hydrogen in the presence of palladium on carbon (e.g. 10% palladium on carbon) or of Raney nickel. The ratio of diastereomeric products formed may be altered by choice of catalyst.

B. Alkylation of a dipeptide (XIV) by means of a compound XXII



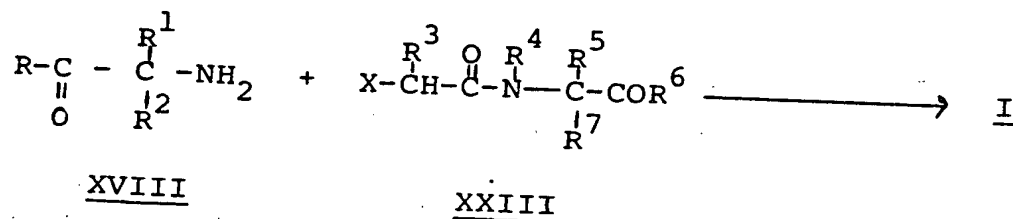
wherein X is chloro, bromo, iodo, alkanesulfonyloxy or arenesulfonyloxy. The reaction can be carried out under basic conditions in water or in an organic solvent.

C. Condensation of an amino compound (XVIII) with a keto-  
compound (XIX)



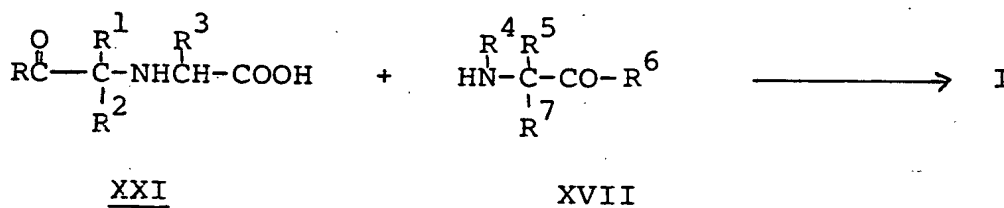
under the conditions described for process A.

D. Alkylation of an aminocompound (XVIII) by means of a compound XXIII.



wherein X is chloro, bromo, iodo, alkanesulfonyloxy or  
 5 arenesulfonyloxy. The reaction can be carried out under the conditions described for process B.

E. Condensation of an aminoacid XXI with an aminoacid XVII

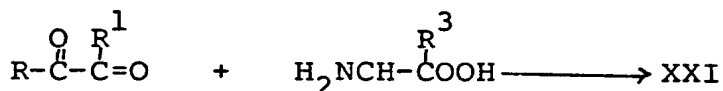


10 This reaction is well known from peptide chemistry. The reaction can be carried out in the presence of a condensing agent such as for example dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC), diphenylphosphoryl azide (DPPA) and N,N-disuccinimidyl carbonate in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ . While, as mentioned above, reactive groups  
 15 (in  $\text{R}$ ,  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^4$ ,  $\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^6$ ) are protected before the coupling reaction is carried out, the amino group of compound XVII can be activated, e.g. by means of tetraethyldiphosphite and/or the carboxy group of compound XXI can be activated via the intermediacy of active esters such as that derived from

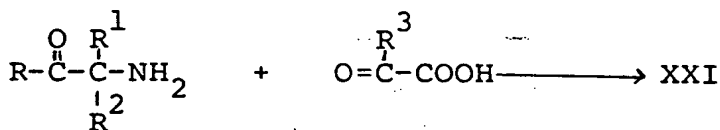
1-hydroxybenzotriazole, its mixed anhydride (derived from a chlorocarbonic acid ester), its azide or dicyclohexylcarbodiimide.

The starting compounds in this reaction are known compounds  
5 and/or can be prepared according to known methods.

The compound of formula XXI, wherein  $R^2$  is hydrogen can for example be prepared by reacting a keto compound XIII with an amino acid XV.



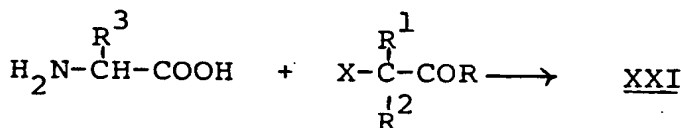
10 according to the conditions described in process A. Alternatively compound XXI can be prepared by condensing XVIII with a ketoacid XX



XVIII

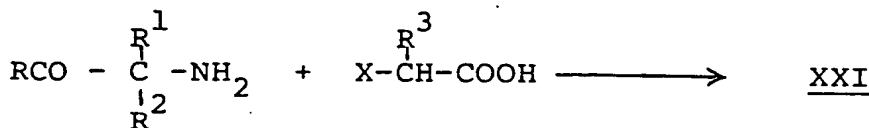
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15 or by condensing XV and XXII or XVIII and XXIV



XV

XXII



XVIII

XXIV

under the conditions described for process B above (X being as defined in process B).

It is evident that a compound of formula I obtained by any one of processes A to E can be transformed into another compound of formula I by methods known in the art.

The above processes are followed by setting free protected groups by known methods. Protected carboxy groups, e.g. when R and R<sup>6</sup> are for example alkoxy (methoxy, ethoxy, tert. butyloxy), nitrobenzyloxy or benzyloxy, are set free by hydrolysis or hydrogenation. (Reductive cleavage of a benzyl ester I (where R<sup>6</sup> is benzyloxy and R is alkoxy) will yield compounds of formula I wherein R is alkoxy and R<sup>6</sup> is hydroxy, and where R<sup>6</sup> is alkoxy and R is benzyloxy, will yield compounds of formula I wherein R is hydroxy and R<sup>6</sup> is alkoxy.) Hydrolysis can be carried out under acidic conditions (using e.g. a halogen hydracid or trifluoroacetic acid), under basic conditions or by means of photochemical hydrolysis.

The amino group(s) can be protected by protecting groups such as for example formyl, t-butoxycarbonyl, carbobenzyloxy, triphenylmethyl and nitrophenylsulfenyl. These groups can be removed under acidic conditions, e.g. by means of a halogenhydroacid and/or trifluoroacetic acid.

In the special case of R<sup>1</sup> bearing an alpha-amino substituent, the carbonyl and amino groups can be conveniently protected as a beta-lactam function. This kind of protection can be removed by known methods, e.g. as described above for the hydrolysis.

In the compounds of formula I, the carbon atoms to which  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^5$  are attached may be asymmetric. The compounds accordingly exist in diastereoisomeric forms or in mixtures thereof. The above described syntheses can utilize  
5 racemates, enantiomers or diastereomers as starting materials. Enantiomeric intermediates may be obtained by resolution methods known in the art. When diastereomeric products result from the synthetic procedures, the diastereomeric products can be separated by conventional  
10 chromatographic or fractional crystallization methods.

The compounds of this invention form salts with various inorganic and organic acids and bases which are also within the scope of the invention. Such salts include ammonium salts, alkali metal salts like sodium and potassium  
15 salts (which are preferred), alkaline earth metal salts like the calcium and magnesium salts, salts with organic bases e.g., dicyclohexylamine salts, N-methyl-D-glucamine, salts with amino acids like arginine, lysine and the like. Also, salts with organic and inorganic acids may be prepared, e.g.,  
20 HCl, HBr,  $H_2SO_4$ ,  $H_3PO_4$ , methanesulfonic acid, toluenesulfonic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid and camphorsulfonic acid. The non-toxic physiologically acceptable salts are preferred, although other salts are also useful, e.g., in isolating or purifying the product.

The salts may be formed by conventional means, as by reacting the free acid or free base forms of the product with one or more equivalents of the appropriate base or acid in a solvent or medium in which the salt is insoluble, or in  
5 a solvent such as water which is then removed in vacuo or by freeze-drying or by exchanging the cations of an existing salt for another cation on a suitable ion exchange resin.

The compounds of this invention have useful pharmacological properties. They are useful in the treatment of high blood pressure.

The compounds of the present invention can be  
10 combined with pharmaceutical carriers and administered in a variety of well known pharmaceutical forms suitable for oral or parenteral administration to provide compositions useful in the treatment of cardiovascular disorders and particularly mammalian hypertension.

15 The dosage of the compounds of this invention will typically be in the range of about 0.01 to about 30 mg/kg, preferably about 0.1 to about 10 mg/kg, of mammalia weight, administered in single or divided doses. The exact dose to be administered is dependent upon where  
20 the particular compound lies within the above quoted range, as well as upon the age, weight and condition of the individual.

Generally, in treating humans, the compounds of this invention may be administered to patients in need of such treatment in a dosage range of 5 to 500 mg per patient generally given several times, thus giving a total daily  
5 dose of from 5 to 2000 mg per day. Also, the compounds of this invention may be given in combination with diuretics or other antihypertensives. Typically, these are combinations whose individual dosages range from one-fifth of the minimally recommended clinical dosages to the maximum  
10 recommended levels for the entities when they are given singly. Examples of such diuretics or other antihypertensives are hydrochlorothiazide, ethacrynic acid, amiloride, furosemide, propranolol, timolol, methyldopa and chlorothiazide.

The composition containing the compounds of this  
15 invention will preferably contain from about 5 to about 250 mg of the active compound per dosage unit. These compositions are most preferably administered orally. Typical formulations for oral administration are those such as tablets, capsules, syrups, elixirs or suspensions. Typical  
20 injectable formulations include solutions and suspensions.

Typical acceptable pharmaceutical carriers for use in the formulations described above are exemplified by: sugars such as lactose, sucrose, mannitol and sorbitol; starches such as corn starch, tapioca starch and potato

starch; cellulose and derivatives such as sodium carboxy-  
methyl cellulose, ethyl cellulose and methyl cellulose;  
calcium phosphates such as dicalcium phosphate and tri-  
calcium phosphate; sodium sulfate; calcium sulfate, poly-  
5 vinylpyrrolidone, polyvinyl alcohol; stearic acid; alkaline  
earth metal stearates such as magnesium stearate and calcium  
stearate, stearic acid; vegetable oils such as peanut oil,  
cottonseed oil, sesame oil, olive oil and corn oil; non-  
ionic, cationic and anionic surfactants; ethylene glycol  
10 polymers; beta-cyclodextrin; fatty alcohols and hydrolyzed  
cereal solids; as well as other non-toxic compatible fillers,  
binders, disintegrants, buffers, preservatives, antioxidants,  
lubricants, flavoring agents, and the like commonly used in  
pharmaceutical formulations.

15           The following examples illustrate the preparation  
of the compounds of the present invention. The diastereomers  
prepared as set forth below may be isolated by column chroma-  
tography or by fractional crystallization.

          In the examples below, octahydroindole-2(S)-car-  
20 boxylic acid refers to cis, syn-octahydroindole-2(S)-car-  
boxylic acid, also named 3a(S), 7a(S)-octahydroindole-2(S)-  
carboxylic acid.



Example 1

1-[N-(1-Carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydro-indole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

A. Dissolve 27.0 g of ethyl indole-2-carboxylate in  
5 250 ml of trifluoroacetic acid. Add 2.05 g of platinum  
oxide, hydrogenate the mixture at 50 lb/in<sup>2</sup> at room tempe-  
rature. Filter the mixture and concentrate the filtrate in  
vacuo to give a residue. Suspend the residue in ether and  
treat with cold dilute sodium hydroxide solution. Dry the  
10 organic layer dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrate  
it to give ethyl octahydroindole-2-carboxylate, a pale yel-  
low oil. The oil should immediately be used in the following  
step.

B. To a solution of 10.0 g of ethyl octahydroindole-  
15 2-carboxylate (prepared in as shown in paragraph A of this  
example) in 400 ml of ethyl acetate add 17.0 g of N-benzyl-  
oxycarbonyl-(S)-alanine, N-hydroxysuccinimide ester. Stir  
the reaction mixture at room temperature for 20 hours and  
concentrate it in vacuo. Place the residue on a column of  
20 silica gel (3000 g, 60-200 mesh) and elute with chloroform:  
ethyl acetate 10:1 to give 1-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-  
alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(R)-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester, a  
colorless oil  $[\alpha]_D^{26} + 22.0^\circ$  (ethanol) and 1-[N-benzyloxy-  
carbonyl-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid,  
25 ethyl ester, a colorless oil  $[\alpha]_D^{26} -96.4^\circ$  (ethanol).

C. To a solution of 3.22 g of 1-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester in 150 ml of methanol, add 20 ml of 2.5 N sodium hydroxide and stir the mixture at room temperature for 18 hours. Concentrate the mixture under nitrogen, dilute the residue with ice-water and then make the mixture acidic with concentrated hydrochloric acid. Extract the aqueous solution with ethyl acetate and dry the organic phase over magnesium sulfate. Concentrate the organic phase and place it on a column of silica gel (500 g., 60-200 mesh). Elute with chloroform:glacial acetic acid 9:1 to give 1-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid, a white solid  $[\alpha]_D^{26} - 62.1^\circ$  (ethanol), m.p. 58.60°.

15 D. Dissolve 1.70 g of 1-[N-Benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid in 100 ml of methanol. Add 0.40 g 10% palladium-on charcoal and hydrogenate the mixture at atmospheric pressure. Filter the mixture and concentrate in vacuo to give 1-[(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-20 2(S)-carboxylic acid, a white solid  $[\alpha]_D^{26} - 18.5^\circ$  (ethanol), m.p. 163-165°.

E. Dissolve 1-[(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared in paragraph D of this example) in 100 ml of absolute methanol. Add 1.10 g 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid,

ethyl ester and 20 ml of 3 Angstrom molecular sieve pellets, and stir the resulting mixture at room temperature for eighteen hours. Filter the reaction mixture and treat the filtrate with 0.68 g sodium cyanoborohydride at room  
5 temperature for two hours. Concentrate the mixture under nitrogen and dilute the oil with dilute hydrochloric acid and stir at room temperature for one hour. Absorb the aqueous solution on 200 ml of a XAD-2 (Rohm & Haas Co. resin). Elute the resin with 2000 ml of water and then with  
10 2000 ml of methanol. Concentrate the methanol solution and place the residue on a column of silica gel (400 g, 60-200 mesh) and elute with chloroform:isopropanol: 7% ammonium hydroxide 1:1:1 (organic layer) to give 1-[N(1-methoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic  
15 acid, a white solid  $[\alpha]_D^{26} -45.2^\circ$  (ethanol), m.p. 71-73°.

#### Example 2

1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

To a solution of 1-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as  
20 described in Example 1) in methanol, add 2.5 N sodium hydroxide. After three hours, concentrate the reaction mixture and absorb it on an XAD-2 resin column and elute with water and then with methanol. Concentrate the methanol eluant to

give a residue and absorb this residue on a silica gel column and elute with chlorform:methanol: 14% ammonium hydroxide 1:1:1. Concentrate the desired eluant fractions to obtain the title compound.

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Example 3

1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

React 1-[(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 1) and ethyl p-  
10 chlorophenyl-2-oxobutyrate with sodium cyanoborohydride as described in Example 1E (ethanol solvent) to obtain the title compound.

Example 4

1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octa-  
15 hydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

Treat the ester (prepared as described in Example 3) with sodium hydroxide in methanol as described in Example 2 to yield the title compound.

Example 5

20 1-[N-(1-carboxy-2-phenylethyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-

2(S)-carboxylic acid

To a mixture of 1-[(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 1) and phenylpyruvic acid in methanol water at a pH of about 7, at room temperature, add sodium cyanoborohydride. Upon completion of the reaction, absorb the residue on a XAD-2 resin and elute with methanol followed by further purification by elution from silica gel using chloroform:methanol:14% ammonium hydroxide 1:1:1 to isolate the title compound.

Example 6

10 1-[N-(1-aminocarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

React 1-[(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (preparable as described in Example 1) and 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyramide and sodium cyanoborohydride to obtain the title compound as described in Example 5.

Example 7

1-{N-[1-carboxy-3-(3-indolyl)propyl]-(S)-alanyl}octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

Condense 1-[(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (preparable as described in Example 1) and 4-(3-indolyl)-2-oxobutyric acid with sodium cyanoborohydride, using the procedure described in Example 5) to yield the title compound.

Example 8

1-{N-[1-carboethoxy-2-(3-indolyl)ethyl]-(S)-alanyl}octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

5 As described in Example 1), react 1-[(S)-alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid and ethyl indole-3-pyruvate with sodium cyanoborohydride to obtain the title compound.

Example 9

10 1-[N-(1-carboxy-2-phenoxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

As described in Example 5), condense 1-[(S)-alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 1) and phenoxypyruvic acid (preparable from ethyl phenoxyacetate and diethyl oxalate, followed by acid catalysed hydrolysis and decarboxylation) with sodium cyanoborohydride to obtain the title compound.

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Example 10

1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-2-phenoxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

20 React 1-[(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (preparable as described in Example 1) and ethyl phenoxypyruvate, (prepared from esterification of phenoxy-

pyruvic acid as described in Example 9) with sodium cyanoborohydride as described in Example 1) to give the title compound.

Example 11

5 1-[N-(1-carboxy-2-phenylthioethyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

Condense 1-[(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 1) and phenylthiopyruvic acid (preparable from ethyl phenylthioacetate and diethyl oxalate, followed by acid catalyzed hydrolysis and decarboxylation) with sodium cyanoborohydride as described in Example 5) to yield the title compound.

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Example 12

15 1-[N-(1-carboxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

As described in Example 5, react 1-[(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 1) and pyruvic acid with sodium cyanoborohydride to obtain the title compound.

Example 13

20 1-[N-(1-carboxy-2-cyclohexylethyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

Condense 1-[(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 1) and 3-cyclohexyl-2-oxopropionic acid with sodium cyanoborohydride as described in Example 5) to obtain the title compound.

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Example 14

1-[N-(1-carboxy-5-methylexyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

To 1-[(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 1) and 4-methyl-2-oxopentanoic acid add sodium cyanoborohydride using the procedure described in Example 5) to obtain the title compound.

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Example 15

1-[N-(1,3-dicarboxypropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

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As described in Example 5), treat 1-[(S)-alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 1) and 2-oxoglutaric acid with sodium cyanoborohydride to isolate the title compound.



Example 16

1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]decahydro-quinoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid

5 Use ethyl decahydroquinoline-2-carboxylate (prepared by hydrogenation of quinoline-2-carboxylic acid in glacial acetic acid with platinum oxide followed by esterfication in ethanol) in place of ethyl octahydroindole-2-carboxylate in Example 1B. Continue the sequence of reactions described in Example 1) through Example 1E to obtain the title compound.

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Example 17

1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]decahydroquinoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid

15 As described in Example 2, treat 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]decahydroquinoline-2-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 16) with sodium hydroxide to obtain the title compound.

Example 18

20 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroisoindole-1(S)-carboxylic acid

A. Heat cis-octahydroisoindole (prepared by reduction of cis-hexahydrophthalimide in tetrahydrofuran with lithium

aluminum hydride) and mercuric acetate in 10% aqueous acetic acid under reflux for twenty hours to give cis-hexahydro- $\Delta^1$ -isoindole. Dissolve this compound in water and treat with potassium cyanide followed by 2N hydrochloric acid at 0° for two hours and at room temperature for twenty hours to give 1-cyano-cis-octahydroisoindole. Heat this cyano compound in 6N hydrochloric acid under reflux for 6 hours followed by concentration of the reaction mixture and absorption of the residue on an XAD-2 resin column. Elute with methanol to obtain cis-octahydroisoindole-1-carboxylic acid.

B. Use ethyl cis-octahydroisoindole-1-carboxylate (prepared by esterification with ethanol of the acid prepared in paragraph A next above) in place of ethyl octahydroisoindole-2-carboxylate in Example 1B through 1E to give the title compound.

#### Example 19

2-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroisoindole-1(S)-carboxylic acid

As described in Example 2 treat N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroisoindole-1(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 18) with sodium hydroxide to obtain the title compound.

Example 20

1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

5 A. Substitute octahydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrole (prepared by reduction of 2-ketooctahydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrole in tetrahydrofuran with lithium aluminum hydride) for octahydroisoindole in Example 18A to obtain octahydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid.

10 B. Use ethyl octahydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrole-2-carboxylate (prepared by esterification with the ethanol of the acid prepared as described in paragraph A) in place of ethyl octahydroindole-2-carboxylate in the procedure described in paragraphs B through E of Example 1 to give the title compound.

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Example 21

1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

20 As described in Example 2), hydrolyze the ester (prepared as described in Example 20) with sodium hydroxide to obtain the title compound.

Example 22

5- [N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2,2-  
dimethyl-octahydro-1,3-dioxolo[4,5-c]pyrrole-4(S)-carbo-  
xylic acid

5       Heat 1-benzyloxycarbonyl-3,4-dihydroxy-(S)-proline  
[preparable from reaction of 3,4-dihydroxy-(S)-proline in  
2N sodium hydroxide with benzyl chloroformate in ether]  
with 2,2-dimethoxy propane in dimethylformamide and p-  
toluenesulfonic acid to obtain 5-benzyloxycarbonyl-2,2-  
10 dimethyloctahydro-1,3-dioxolo[4.5-c]pyrrole-4(S)-carboxylic  
acid.

Hydrogenate this compound in methanol with palladium on  
carbon to give 2,2-dimethyloctahydro-1,3-dioxolo[4,5-c]-  
pyrrole-4(S)-carboxylic acid. React this compound with N-  
15 benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanine, N-hydroxysuccinimide ester  
as described in Example 1B-E to isolate the title compound.

Example 23

7-[N-(carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-  
azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

20   A.       Dissolve 7.0 g of 1-benzyloxycarbonyl-4-keto-(S)-  
proline methyl ester in 75 ml of glacial acetic acid. Add  
0.7 g of p-toluenesulfonic acid and 2.8 g of 1,2-ethane-  
dithiol and heat under reflux with stirring for eighteen  
hours. Add the reaction mixture to saturated sodium bicar-

bonate solution and extract with ethyl acetate. Dry the organic layer over magnesium sulfate and concentrate it. Place the residue on a column of silica gel (300 g, 60-200 mesh) and elute with hexane:ethyl acetate (1:1) to give  
5 7-benzyloxycarbonyl -1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, methyl ester, a yellow oil having  $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ -12.6° (dioxane).

B. Dissolve 3.0 g of 7-benzoyloxycarbonyl-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, methyl ester in  
10 20 ml of 20% hydrobromic acid in glacial acetic acid and stir the mixture dropwise to diethyl ether at 0-5°C to give 1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, methyl ester hydrobromide, a brown solid m.p. 156-158°.

C. Dissolve the 1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, methyl ester, hydrobromide from paragraph  
15 B in 0.1N NaOH and extract with ethyl acetate. Dry the organic layer over magnesium sulfate and concentrate in vacuo to give 1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, methyl ester (1.35 g). Dissolve the latter in  
20 100 ml of ethyl acetate and treat with 2.07 g of N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanine, N-hydroxysuccinimide ester. Stir the reaction mixture at room temperature for eighteen hours and concentrate in vacuo. Place the residue on a column of silica gel (300 g, 60-200 mesh) and elute with hexane:

ethyl acetate 4:1 to obtain 7-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, methyl ester, a yellow oil  $[\alpha]_D^{26} -14.8^\circ$  (ethanol).

D. Dissolve 1.05 g of 7-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, methyl ester in 100 ml of methanol. Add 10 ml of 2.5N sodium hydroxide and stir the mixture at room temperature for sixteen hours. Concentrate the mixture under nitrogen, dissolve the oil in 0.1 N sodium hydroxide and dilute with ice water. Extract the aqueous solution with ethyl acetate. Acidify the aqueous solution with concentrated hydrochloric acid and then extract with ethyl acetate. Dry the organic phase over magnesium sulfate and concentrate it. Place the residue on a column of silica gel (100 g, 60-200 mesh) and elute with chloroform:glacial acetic acid 19:1 to obtain 7-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} -15.8^\circ$  (ethanol).

E. Dissolve 1.4 g of 7-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid in 20 ml of 20% hydrobromic acid in glacial acetic acid and stir the mixture at room temperature for 2 hours. Add the mixture dropwise to diethyl ether at 0-5°C to give 7-[(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic

acid hydrobromide which is used immediately in the process described in paragraph F below.

F. Dissolve the 7-[(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro-  
[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, hydrobromide (prepared  
5 in paragraph E next above) in 100 ml of absolute methanol.  
Add 0.5 g of 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid, ethyl ester and  
10 ml of 3°A molecular sieve pellets and stir the mixture  
at room temperature for eighteen hours. Filter the reaction  
mixture and treat the filtrate with 0.30 g of sodium cyano-  
10 borohydride at room temperature for two hours. Concentrate  
the mixture under nitrogen and dilute the oil with 5%  
hydrochloric acid to pH 2 to 4 and stir at room temperature  
for one hour. Adjust the pH of the solution to pH 8 with  
2.5N sodium hydroxide solution and absorb the solution in  
15 150 ml of a XAD-2 resin. Elute the resin with 800 ml of  
water and then with 800 ml of methanol. Concentrate the  
methanol solution, place the residue on a column of silica  
gel (100 g, 60-200 mesh) and elute with chloroform:isopro-  
panol: 7% ammonium hydroxide 1:1:1 (organic layer) to ob-  
20 tain 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-  
dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, a white  
solid, m.p. 56-60°C,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} -25.5^\circ$  (ethanol).

Example 24

7-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

5 Hydrolize 0.18 g of 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 23) in 600 ml of methanol with 10 ml of 2.5N sodium hydroxide, concentrate the reaction mixture and absorb it on an XAD-2 resin column and elute with water and then with methanol. Concentrate the methanol eluant to give a residue and absorb this residue on a silica gel column (100 g, 60-200 mesh). Elute the column with chloroform:methanol: 14% ammonium hydroxide 1:1:1 and concentrate the desired eluant fractions to obtain the title compound.

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Example 25

7-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-methylthiopropyl)-(R,S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

A. Couple 1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, methyl ester (prepared as described in Example 23) with pyruvic acid using dicyclohexylcarbodiimide and triethylamine in dioxane to yield, after isolation and hydrolysis of the ester, 7-pyruvoyl-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro-[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid.



B. Condense 7-pyruvoyl-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]-nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid and (S)-methionine, methyl ester with sodium cyanoborohydride in methanol at pH 7 for three days at room temperature followed by chromatography on a XAD-2 resin column, using methanol as eluant, to obtain the title compound.

Example 26

7-[N-(1-carboxy-3-methylthiopropyl)-(R,S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

Treat 7-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-methylthiopropyl)-(R,S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 25) with sodium hydroxide in methanol as described in Example 24) to yield the title compound.

Example 27

7-{N-[1-carbomethoxy-2-(3-indolyl)ethyl]-(R,S)-alanyl}-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

Use 7-pyruvoyl-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 25) and condense with tryptophan methyl ester in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride using the method described in Example 25) to obtain the title compound.

Example 28

7-{N-[1-carboxy-2-(3-indolyl)ethyl]-(R,S)-alanyl}-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

Hydrolyze 7-{N-[1-carbomethoxy-2-(3-indolyl)ethyl]-(R,S)-alanyl}-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 27) with sodium hydroxide as described in Example 24) to yield the title compound.

Example 29

10 7-{N-[1-carbomethoxy-2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)ethyl]-(R,S)-alanyl}-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

As described in Example 25, react 7-pyruvoyl-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 25) and (S)-histidine, methyl ester in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride to obtain the title compound.

Example 30

20 7-{N-[1-carboxy-2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)ethyl]-(R,S)-alanyl}-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

Treat 7-{N-[1-carbomethoxy-2-(1H-imidazolyl-4-yl)ethyl]-(R,S)-alanyl}-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-

carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 29) with sodium hydroxide as described in Example 24) to yield the title compound.

Example 31

5 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)glycyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)carboxylic acid

A. As described in Example 23, react 1-benzyloxycarbonyl-4-keto-(S)-proline, ethyl ester (prepared from the acid by esterification in ethanol) with 1,2-ethanedithiol  
10 to obtain 7-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]-nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester, a yellow oil  
[ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup>-21.0° (ethanol).

B. Convert 2.22 g of 7-benzyloxycarbonyl-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester (prepared as described in paragraph A) to 1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro-  
15 [4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester as described in Example 23 and couple this compound with 1.5 g of N-benzyloxycarbonylglycine, N-hydroxysuccinimide ester as described in Example 23) to yield 7-(N-benzyloxycarbonyl-  
20 glycyl)-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester, a yellow oil [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup>-21.0°.

C. Hydrolize 1.43 g of 7-(N-benzyloxycarbonylglycyl)-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester (prepared as described in paragraph B next above) with sodium hydroxide as described in Example 23 to obtain 7-(N-benzyloxycarbonylglycyl)-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, a colorless oil,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} -7.9^\circ$ .

D. Treat 0.95 g of the acid obtained in the process described in paragraph C next above with 20% hydrobromic acid in glacial acetic acid as described in Example 23) to obtain 7-glycyl-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, hydrobromide  $[\alpha]_D^{26} 18.7^\circ$ .

E. As described in Example 23, couple 0.76 g of 7-glycyl-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, hydrobromide (prepared as described in paragraph D next above) with 0.50 g of 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid, ethyl ester to obtain 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-glycyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid.

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Example 32

7-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)glycyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

As described in Example 24, hydrolyze 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)glycyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]-nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 31) with sodium hydroxide to give the title compound.

Example 33

7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.5]decane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

A. Dissolve 1-benzyloxycarbonyl-5-hydroxy-(S)-pipecolic acid (prepared from 5-hydroxy-(S)-pipecolic acid in 2N sodium hydroxide solution treated with benzylchlorformate in diethyl ether) in acetone and treat with Jones reagent to obtain 1-benzyloxycarbonyl-5-keto-(S)-pipecolic acid. Then esterify in methanol to give the respective methyl ester.

B. Substitute 1-benzyloxycarbonyl-5-keto-(S)-pipecolic acid, methyl ester as the keto-ester in Example 23) and follow the procedure described to obtain the title compound.

Example 34

7-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.5]decane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

Hydrolyze 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.5]decane-8(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 33) with sodium hydroxide and isolate the title compound using the procedure described in Example 24.

Example 35

1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-2(S)-carboxylic acid

A. Condense nitrocyclopentane (prepared from bromocyclopentane and sodium nitrite) and acrolein in tetrahydrofuran in the presence of sodium hydride to obtain 3-(1-nitrocyclopentyl)propionaldehyde. Treat this aldehyde with p-toluene-sulfonic acid in methanol and isolate 3-(1-nitrocyclopentyl)propionaldehyde dimethyl acetal. Hydrogenate this compound with Raney nickel. Isolate 3-(1-aminocyclopentyl)propionaldehyde dimethylacetal and dissolve in aqueous acetone in the presence of p-toluenesulfonic acid and heat under reflux, followed by addition of toluene and azeotrope the mixture to give 1-azaspiro[4.4]- $\Delta^1$ -nonane.

B. Substitute 1-azaspiro[4.4]- $\Delta^1$ -nonane (from paragraph A) for cis-hexahydro- $\Delta^1$ -isoindole in Example 18A to obtain 1-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-2-carboxylic acid.

C. Use 1-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-2-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester prepared by esterification of the acid (obtained as described in paragraph B) in methanol in place of octahydroindole-2-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester in Example 1B through 1E to obtain the title compound.

Example 36

2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-3(S)-carboxylic acid

A. Reduce 2-(1-cyanocyclopentyl)acetaldehyde diethyl acetal (preparable from 3-cyanopropionaldehyde diethyl acetal and 1,4-dibromobutane in tetrahydrofuran in the presence of sodium hydride) with lithium aluminum hydride to yield 2-(1-aminomethylcyclopentyl)acetaldehyde, diethyl acetal. Dissolve this compound in aqueous acetone in the presence of p-toluenesulfonic acid and heat under reflux, followed by addition of toluene and azeotrope the mixture to give  $\Delta^2$ -2-azaspiro[4.4]nonane.

B. Substitute  $\Delta^2$ -2-azaspiro[4.4]nonane (prepared as described in paragraph A for cis-hexahydro- $\Delta^1$ -isoindole in Example 18A to yield 2-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-3-carboxylic acid.

C. As described in Example 1B through 1E, substitute 2-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-3-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester (preparable by esterification of the acid from paragraph B in ethanol) for octahydroindole-2-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester to obtain the title compound.

Example 37

1-[N-{1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4(R,S)-[2-(1,3-dithianyl)]-(S)-proline

A. React 4(R,S)-cyano-(S)-proline, methyl ester (prepared from reaction of 4(R)-tosyloxy-(S)-proline, methyl ester in acetonitrile with potassium cyanide and dibenzo-18-crown-6) with 2-methyl-2,4-pentanediol in cold concentrated sulfuric acid to yield 4-[2-(4,6,6-trimethyl-5,6-dihydro-4H-1,3-oxazinyll)-(S)-proline, methyl ester. Reduce this compound with sodium borohydride in aqueous methanol at pH 2-4 at 0°, and then hydrolyze with aqueous oxalic acid to yield 4-formyl-(S)-proline, methyl ester.

B. Combine 4-formyl-(S)-proline, methyl ester (prepared as described in paragraph A) and 1,3-propanedithiol by the procedure described in Example 23 to obtain the title compound.



Example 38

N-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-N-cyclohexyl-(S)-alanine

5       Substitute N-cyclohexyl-(R,S)-alanine, ethyl ester (prepared from cyclohexylamine and ethyl bromoacetate) for ethyl octahydroindole-2-carboxylate in Example 1B and continue the sequence through to 1E to obtain the title compound.

Example 39

10       N-{N-[(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]}-N-(2,2-diethoxy)ethyl-(S)-alanine

15       Use N-(2,2-diethoxy)ethyl-(S)-alanine, methyl ester (prepared from (S)-alanine, methyl ester, hydrochloride and bromoacetaldehyde diethylacetal) for ethyl octahydroindole-2-carboxylate in Example 1B and continue the sequence through to 1E to isolate the title compound.

Example 40

N-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-N-[2-(1,3-dithianyl)methyl]-(S)-alanine

20       Combine N-(2,2-diethoxy)ethyl-(S)-alanine, methyl ester (prepared as described in Example 39) and 1,3-propanedithiol as described in Example 23A and continue the sequence as outlined to yield the title compound.

Example 41

1-[N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]azacyclooctane-2(S)-carboxylic acid

A. To a solution of 9.4 g of ethyl azacyclooctane-2-carboxylate in 400 ml of ethyl acetate add 17.0 g of N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanine, N-hydroxysuccinimide ester. Stir the reaction mixture at room temperature for 20 hours and concentrate it in vacuo to give 1-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]azacyclooctane-2(R,S)-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester, as a colorless oil.

B. To a solution of 3.09 g of 1-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]azacyclooctane-2(R,S)-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester in 150 ml methanol, add 20 ml of 2.5 N sodium hydroxide and stir the mixture at room temperature for 18 hours. Concentrate the mixture under nitrogen, dilute the residue with ice-water and then make the mixture acidic with concentrated hydrochloric acid. Extract the aqueous solution with ethyl acetate and dry the organic phase over magnesium sulfate. Concentrate the organic phase to give a white residue. Place the residue on a column of silica gel (1000 ml, 60-200 mesh) and elute with chloroform:isopropanol:7%  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  (organic phase to give 1-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]-azacyclooctane-2(R)-carboxylic acid and 1-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]azacyclooctane-2(S)-carboxylic acid, as colorless oils.

C. Dissolve 1.59 g of 1-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]azacyclooctane-2(S)-carboxylic acid in 100 ml of methanol. Add 0.40 g 10% palladium-on-charcoal and hydrogenate the mixture at atmospheric pressure. Filter the mixture and concentrate in vacuo to give 1-[(S)-alanyl]-azacyclooctane-2(S)-carboxylic acid.

D. Dissolve 1-[(S)-alanyl]azacyclooctane-2(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared in paragraph C of this example) in 100 ml of absolute ethanol. Add 1.10 g 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid, ethyl ester and 20 ml of 3 Angstrom molecular sieve pellets, and stir the resulting mixture at room temperature for eighteen hours. Filter the reaction mixture and treat the filtrate with 0.68 g sodium cyanoborohydride at room temperature for two hours. Concentrate the mixture under nitrogen and dilute the oil with dilute hydrochloric acid and stir at room temperature for one hour. Absorb the aqueous solution on 200 ml of a XAD-2 (Rohm & Hass Co.) resin. Elute the resin with 2000 ml of water and then with 2000 ml of methanol. Concentrate the methanol solution and place the residue on a column of silica gel (400 g, 60-200 mesh) and elute with chloroform:isopropanol:7% ammonium hydroxide 1:1:1 (organic layer) to give 1-[N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]azacyclooctane-2(S)-carboxylic acid.

Example 42

1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)alanyl]azacyclooctane-  
2(S)-carboxylic acid

To a solution of 1-[N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-  
5 (S)-alanyl]azacyclooctane-2(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as  
described in Example 41) in ethanol, add 0.25 N sodium  
hydroxide. After three hours, concentrate the reaction mixture  
and absorb it on an XAD-2 resin column and elute with water  
and then with methanol. Concentrate the methanol eluant to  
10 give a residue and absorb this residue on a silica gel  
column and elute with chloroform:methanol: 14% ammonium  
hydroxide 1:1:1. Concentrate the desired eluant fraction to  
obtain the title compound.

Example 43

15 1-[N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]azacyclo-  
nonane-2(S)-carboxylic acid

According to the method of Example 41, starting with  
ethyl azacyclononane-2-carboxylate, prepare the title com-  
pound.

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Example 44

1-[N- $\alpha$ -(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-lysyl]azacyclo-  
decane-2(S)-carboxylic acid

A. According to the method of Example 41A, combine 10.6 g ethyl azacyclodecane-2-carboxylate with 25.4 g N- $\alpha$ -t-butoxycarbonyl-N- $\epsilon$ -carbobenzyloxy-L-lysine, N-hydroxy-succinimide ester to produce ethyl 1-[N- $\alpha$ -t-butoxycarbonyl-N- $\epsilon$ -carbobenzyloxy-(S)-lysyl]azacyclodecane-2(S)-carboxylate

B. Dissolve the above product in acetonitrile-aqueous NaOH (pH 13), stir for one hour, concentrate, neutralize to pH 8 and extract with ethyl acetate. Dry the ethyl acetate, and add an equal volume of 4N hydrogen chloride in the same solvent. Concentrate, and triturate the residue with ether to give a solid, 1-[N- $\epsilon$ -carbobenzyloxy-(S)-lysyl]azacyclodecane-2(S)-carboxylic acid, hydrochloride.

C. Combine 2.4 g of the above product with 0.8 g sodium acetate in 100 ml ethanol. Add 4.0 g ethyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate and 0.63 g NaCNBH<sub>3</sub>. After four hours, work up as in Example 41D. Combine the desired chromatography fractions in 100 ml ethanol with 0.5 g Pd/C and shake under 3 atm. hydrogen for six hours. Filter the catalyst and remove the solvent to obtain the title compound.

Example 45

4-[N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4-aza-1-thiacyclononane-5(S)-carboxylic acid.

5 A. According to the method of Example 41), parts A and B, convert ethyl 4-aza-1-thiacyclononane-5-carboxylate into 4-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]-4-aza-1-thiacyclononane-5(S)-carboxylic acid.

10 B. Dissolve 2.4 g of the above acid in 20 ml of 20% hydrobromic acid in glacial acetic acid. Stir at room temperature one hour and dilute slowly with ether to obtain 4-[(S)-alanyl]-4-aza-1-thiacyclononane-5(S)-carboxylic acid, hydrobromide salt.

15 C. Dissolve the above salt in 100 ml ethanol and add sodium carbonate (0.30 g) and ethyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate (1.1 g). Add 10 ml of 3 Angstrom molecular sieve pellets and stir twenty hours. Filter and add sodium cyanoborohydride (0.60 g). Stir four hours, concentrate, add 10 ml 1N hydrochloric acid and stir one hour. Place on 200 ml of XAD-2 resin, wash with 2.0 liters of water, and elute with 20 2.0 liters of methanol. Concentrate the methanol and place on a column of silica gel (0.5 kg). Elute with chloroform: ethanol:7% ammonium hydroxide 1:1:1 to obtain 4-[N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4-aza-1-thiacyclononane-5-(S)-carboxylic acid.

Example 46

5-[N-(1(S)-carboxy-5-aminopentyl)-(R,S)-alanyl]-5-aza-1-oxacyclooctane-4(S)-carboxylic acid

5 A. Resolve 5-aza-1-oxacyclooctane-4-carboxylic acid as its d-camphorsulfonate. Dissolve in methanol and treat with thionyl chloride to obtain the methyl ester hydrochloride. Treat with pyruvic acid, triethylamine and dicyclohexylcarbodiimide in methylene chloride. Isolate methyl 5-pyruvoyl-5-aza-1-oxacyclooctane-4(S)-carboxylate  
10 by silica gel chromatography.

B. Combine 2.55 g of the above compound with 1-amino-1-methoxycarbonyl-5-benzyloxycarbonylaminopentane (from 9.8 g of the hydrochloride salt) in 50 ml methanol, stir overnight and add 2.1 g  $\text{NaCNBH}_3$ . Stir overnight, concentra-  
15 te and chromatograph on XAD-2 resin to obtain 5-[N-(1(S)-methoxycarbonyl-5-benzyloxycarbonylaminopentyl)-(R,S)-alanyl]-5-aza-1-oxacyclooctane-4(S)-carboxylic acid, methyl ester.

C. Dissolve the above material in 100 ml of methanol with  
20 0.5 g 10% Pd/C and hydrogenate six hours at 3 atm. Filter, add 20 ml 1.0N NaOH, and stir two hours. Add 20 ml 1.0N HCl and remove the solvent. Chromatograph on XAD-2 resin to obtain the title compound.

Example 47

1-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-hexahydrofuro[3.4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

5 A. To a solution of ethyl hexahydrofuro[3.4-b]pyrrole-2-carboxylate in ethyl acetate add N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanine, N-hydroxysuccinimide ester. Stir the reaction mixture at room temperature for 20 hours and concentrate it in vacuo. Place the residue on a column of silica gel (3000 g, 60-200 mesh) and elute with chloroform:ethyl  
10 acetate 10:1 to give 1-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]-hexahydrofuro[3.4-b]pyrrole-2(R)-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester, and 1-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]hexahydrofuro-[3.4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester.

15 B. To a solution of 1-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]-hexahydrofuro[3.4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester in methanol, add 2.5 N sodium hydroxide and stir the mixture at room temperature for 18 hours. Concentrate the mixture under nitrogen, dilute the residue with ice-water and then make the mixture acidic with concentrated hydro-  
20 chloric acid. Extract the aqueous solution with ethyl acetate and dry the organic phase over magnesium sulfate. Concentrate the organic phase and place it on a column of silica gel. Elute with chloroform:glacial acetic acid 9:1 to give 1-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]hexahydrofuro-  
25 [3.4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid.



C. Dissolve 1-[N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanyl]hexahydrofuro[3.4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid in methanol. Add 10% palladium-on-charcoal and hydrogenate the mixture at atmospheric pressure. Filter the mixture and concentrate  
5 in vacuo to give 1-[(S)-alanyl]hexahydrofuro[3.4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid.

D. Dissolve 1-[(S)-alanyl]hexahydrofuro[3.4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared in paragraph C of this example) in absolute methanol. Add 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric  
10 acid, methyl ester and 3 Angstrom molecular sieve pellets, and stir the resulting mixture at room temperature for eighteen hours. Filter the reaction mixture and treat the filtrate with sodium cyanoborohydride at room temperature for two hours.

15 Concentrate the mixture under nitrogen and dilute the oil with dilute hydrochloric acid and stir at room temperature for one hour. Absorb the aqueous solution on XAD-2 (Rohm & Hass Co.) resin. Elute the resin with water and then with methanol. Concentrate the methanol solution and place the  
20 residue on a column of silica gel and elute with chloroform: isopropanol: 7% ammonium hydroxide 1:1:1 (organic layer) to give 1-[N-(1-methoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-hexahydrofuro[3.4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid.

Example 48

1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]hexahydrofuro-  
[3.4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

To a solution of 1-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-  
5 (S)-alanyl]hexahydrofuro[3.4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic  
acid (prepared as described in Example 47) in methanol, add  
2.5N sodium hydroxide. After three hours, concentrate the  
reaction mixture and absorb it on a XAD-2 resin column and  
elute with water and then with methanol. Concentrate the  
10 methanol eluant to give a residue and absorb this residue  
on a silica gel column and elute with chloroform:methanol:  
14% ammonium hydroxide 1:1:1. Concentrate the desired eluant  
fractions to obtain the title compound.

Example 49

15 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]hexahydro-  
furo[3.4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

React 1-[(S)-alanyl]hexahydrofuro[3.4-b]pyrrole-2-  
(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 47)  
and ethyl phenyl-2-oxobutyrate with sodium cyanoborohydride  
20 as described in Example 47D (ethanol solvent) to obtain the  
title compound.

Example 50

1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-  
hexahydrofuro[3,4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

5      Treat 1-[(S)-alanyl]hexahydrofuro[3,4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-  
carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 47) and  
ethyl 4-(p-chlorophenyl)2-oxobutyrate with sodium cyano-  
borohydride as described in Example 47D (ethanol solvent)  
to obtain the title compound.

Example 51

10      1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]hexahydro-  
thieno[3,4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

15      Use ethyl hexahydrothieno[3,4-b]pyrrole-2-carboxy-  
late in place of ethyl hexahydrofuro[3,4-b]pyrrole-2-  
carboxylate in Example 47A. Continue the sequence of re-  
actions described in Example 47 through Example 47D to  
obtain the title compound. Example 47C is modified to  
employ HBr in acetic acid for liberation of the dipeptide.

Example 52

20      1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydro-  
pyrano[4,3-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

Use ethyl cis-octahdropyrano[4,3-b]pyrrole-2-carboxy-  
late in place of ethyl hexahydrofuro[3,4-b]pyrrole-2-carbo-  
xylate in Example 47A through 47D to give the title compound.

Example 53

1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydro-thiopyrano[4,3-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

5 Use ethyl octahydrothiopyrano[4,3-b]pyrrole-2-carboxy-  
late in place of ethyl hexahydrofuro[3,4-b]pyrrole-2-carboxy-  
late in the procedure described in paragraphs A through D  
of Example 47) (modified as in Example 51) to give the  
title compound.

Example 54

10 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydro-  
furo[3,4-b]pyridine-2(S)-carboxylic acid

React ethyl octahydrofuro[3,4-b]pyridine-2-carboxy-  
late with N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanine, N-hydroxy-  
succinimide ester as described in Example 47A-D to isolate  
15 the title compound.

Example 55

7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-thia-7-  
azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

Treat 2-thia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid  
20 ethyl ester in ethyl acetate with N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-  
alanine, N-hydroxysuccinimide ester as described in Example  
47A-D (modified as in Example 51) to isolate the title com-  
pound.

Example 56

7-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-thia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

Hydrolyze 0.18 g of 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-thia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 55) in 600 ml of methanol with 10 ml of 2.5N sodium hydroxide, concentrate the reaction mixture and absorb it on an XAD-2 resin column and elute with water and then with methanol. Concentrate the methanol eluant to give a residue and absorb this residue on a silica gel column (100 g, 60-200 mesh). Elute the column with chloroform:methanol:14% ammonium hydroxide 1:1:1 and concentrate the desired eluant fractions to obtain the title compound.

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Example 57

7-[N-(1(S)-carbomethoxy-3-methylthio)-(R,S)-alanyl]-2-thia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

A. Couple 2-thia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, methyl ester with pyruvic acid using dicyclohexylcarbodiimide and triethylamine in dioxane to yield, after isolation and hydrolysis of the ester, 7-pyruvoyl-2-thia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid.

B. Condense 7-pyruvoyl-2-thia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid and (S)-methionine, methyl ester with sodium cyanoborohydride in methanol at pH 7 for three days at room temperature followed by chromatography on a XAD-2 resin column, using methanol as eluant, to obtain the title compound.

Example 58

7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)glycyl]-2-thia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

10 Couple 2-thia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester with N-benzyloxycarbonylglycine, N-hydroxysuccinimide ester as described in Example 23C-F to yield the title compound.

Example 59

15 7-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)glycyl]-2-thia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

As described in Example 48, hydrolyse 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-2-phenylpropyl)glycyl]-2-thia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid (prepared as described in Example 58 with sodium hydroxide to give the title compound.

Example 60

1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl-(S)-alanyl]-7-oxa-1-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-2(S)-carboxylic acid

Use 7-oxa-1-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-2-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester in place of hexahydrofuro[3.4-b]pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester in Example 47A through 47D to obtain the title compound.

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Example 61

2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-8-thia-2-azaspiro[4.5]decane-3(S)-carboxylic acid

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As described in Example 47A through 47D (modified as in Example 51, substitute 8-thia-2-azaspiro[4.5]decane-3-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester for hexahydrofuro[3,4-b]-pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid, ethyl ester to obtain the title compound.

Example 62

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7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-2-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-oxa-7-azaspiro[4.5]decane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

Combine ethyl 2-oxa-7-azaspiro[4.5]decane-8-carboxylate and N-benzyloxycarbonyl-(S)-alanine, N-hydroxysuccinimide ester by the procedure described in Example 47A-D to obtain the title compound.

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Example 63

N-(1(R)-ethoxycarbonyl-2-benzylthioethyl)-(R,S)-alanyl-(S)-proline hydrochloride.

Mix 8.28 g of S-benzyl-L-cysteine ethyl ester hydrochloride with  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution until basic. Extract with dichloromethane, dry with  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , and concentrate to dryness at room temperature. Dissolve the residue in 80 ml of tetrahydrofuran containing 2.1 g of pyruvoyl-L-proline and 4 g of 5 Angstrom molecular sieves. Stir for 2 days and then add, dropwise over 4 hours, a solution of sodium cyanoborohydride in 20 ml of ethanol. Stir for 18 hours, filter, and concentrate the filtrate to dryness. Partition the residue between water and dichloromethane. Absorb the aqueous phase on a sulfonic acid on exchange resin and elute with 4% pyridine in water. Concentrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in a mixture of 5 ml of methanol and 1500 ml ether. Acidify this solution with 3.5M HCl in ether and filter the resulting precipitate to obtain 2.5 g of the title compound having a melting point of 90-100°C and  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -73.4^\circ$  (1%,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ).

#### Example 64

N-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-2-benzyloxyethyl)-(R,S)-alanyl-(S)-proline hydrochloride.

Following the procedure of Example 63, react 5 g of O-benzyl-L-serine ethyl ester hydrochloride with 1.26 g of pyruvoyl-L-proline to yield 1.6 g of the title compound having a melting point of 90-100° and  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -71.3^\circ$  (1%,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ).



Example 65

1-[N-(1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

Following the procedure of Example 1, but modifying  
5 step E to use ethanol as reaction solvent, prepare 1-[N-(1(R,S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid. Chromatograph this material on an RP-8 reversed-phase column using acetonitrile :  
0.2N NH<sub>4</sub>OAc 40:60 (pH 8.6) as eluent to obtain the title  
10 compound as a solid  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -45.3^\circ$  (ethanol).

Example 66

1-{N-[1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl}-3a(S),  
7a(S)-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

A. To a 100 ml three-neck flask, equipped with a thermometer, dropping funnel, magnetic stirrer and ice bath,  
15 23 ml (0.21 mole) of benzyl alcohol was added and cooled to 0°C under N<sub>2</sub>. SOCl<sub>2</sub> (5.95 g, 3.7 ml, 0.05 mole) was added dropwise over 15 min, maintaining the temperature at ca. 0°C. Cis,syn-perhydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (ca.  
20 0.21 mole) was added and the mixture was stirred at ca. 0°C for 1 hour and then for 24 hours at room temperature. The resulting mixture was poured into 500 ml of ether, stirred under N<sub>2</sub> for 1 hour and then allowed to stand under N<sub>2</sub> until it was no longer cloudy. The mixture was decanted and the  
25 oily precipitate was washed with 25 ml of ether, then

slurried in 200 ml of ether followed by addition of 1N NaOH to pH 8-9. The mixture was stirred for 5 minutes, and the organic layer was then washed with brine, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and evaporated in vacuo at room temperature to give 2-(S)-benzyloxycarbonyl-cis,syn-octahydroindole as a colorless oil (t)c (ether) one spot,  $R_f \sim 0.31$ .

B. To a 5 l flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer, dropping funnel and  $\text{N}_2$  inlet tube, was added a solution of 190 g (0.92 mole) of ethyl 2-oxo-4-phenyl butanoate, and 258 g (0.734 mole) of S-alanine benzylester p-toluenesulfonate in 1.4 l of EtOH. This yellow solution was stirred for 2 hours under  $\text{N}_2$ . A solution of 17.7 g (0.282 mole) of  $\text{NaBH}_3\text{CN}$  in 550 ml of EtOH was then added, with stirring, over 90 minutes. The solution was stirred overnight and concentrated to dryness in vacuo at room temperature. The residue was partitioned between 500 ml of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 2 l of ether and the ether layer was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and filtered. To this solution, 1.3M ethereal HCl was added to pH 4. The ether and excess HCl were then removed in vacuo at room temperature. The residue was slurried in 250 ml of ether and diluted with 750 ml of hexane. The supernatant was decanted from the resulting precipitate. The precipitate was washed with two 300 ml portions of ether as above. The residue was then triturated with 300 ml of ether and filtered under  $\text{N}_2$  to give a white solid. This was slurried in ether and made basic with

saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ . The organic layer was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated in vacuo at room temperature to give a yellow oil. This oil was dissolved in 510 ml of EtOAc, to which was added a hot solution of 40.5 g of maleic acid in 895 ml of EtOAc. After cooling to room temperature the resulting precipitate was filtered and recrystallized from EtOAc to give hemimaleate as a white solid, mp 127-128°C,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} 0^\circ$  ( $c=1\%$   $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) [tlc (cyclohexane: EtOAc-85:15) shows one spot ( $R_f \sim 0.30$ ) after neutralization].

7.0 g (.015 mole) of the so obtained product was slurried in EtOAc and made basic with saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ . The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated in vacuo at room temperature to give the product as a colorless oil. This was dissolved in 100 ml of EtOH containing 0.7 g of 10% Pd/C. The mixture was hydrogenated in a Parr shaker at 60 psi (rt) for 2 hours. After filtration, the solvent was removed in vacuo at room temperature to afford 4.0 g (82%) of N-(1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanine as a white solid, mp 147-148°C,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} +24.8^\circ$  ( $c=1\%$  MeOH) [ $R_f \sim 0.1$  (EtOAc:MeOH:HOAc-100:1:1)].

C. To a 50 ml three-neck flask equipped with a dropping funnel, thermometer, magnetic stirrer and an ice bath, a solution of 0.23 g of 2-(S)-benzyloxycarbonyl-cis,syn-octahydroindole and 0.25 g (0.0009 mole) of N-(1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanine in 5.0 ml of DMF

was added and cooled under N<sub>2</sub> to 0°C. With stirring, 0.14 g, (0.00135 mole) of N-methylmorpholine was added, followed by dropwise addition (5 min) of a solution of 0.25 g (0.0009 mole) of diphenylphosphorylazide in 5 ml of DMF, (temperature of mixture maintained at 0-10°C). The solution was stirred at this temperature for 1 hour and then at room temperature overnight. Saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was added to the light yellow solution to pH 8. It was then extracted with ether, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated in vacuo at room temperature to give 0.43 g of crude product as a yellow oil. This was preadsorbed on 1 g of coarse (60-200 mesh) silica gel and then gravity filtered through 40 g of coarse silica gel (60-200 mesh) with ca. 300 ml of ether. 1-{N-[1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl}-cis,syn-octahydro-indole-2-(S)-carboxylic acid benzyl ester was obtained as a colorless oil.

D. 0.20 g (0.00038 mole) of the so obtained product was dissolved in 50 ml of EtOH containing 0.04 g of 10% Pd/C. The mixture was hydrogenated in a Parr shaker at 60 psi (rt) for 2 hours. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was evaporated in vacuo at room temperature to yield the title compound as a colorless oil.

#### Example 67

1-{N-[1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl}-3a(S),  
7a(S)-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

N-(1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanine (400 mg, 0.0014 mole) (obtainable according to example 66 step B) was dissolved in 40 ml of dry  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  containing 0.417 g (0.0014 mole) of N, N-disuccinimidyl carbonate. Dry pyridine  
5 (0.10 ml, 0.0014 mole) was added and the solution was stirred at room temperature under  $\text{N}_2$  overnight. Cis,syn-perhydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (0.0014 mole) and 0.25 ml  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  were then added and the mixture was stirred overnight. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo at room temperature to  
10 give a yellow gum. This was chromatographed on 100 g silica gel (tlc grade -  $\text{EtOAc}:\text{MeOH}:\text{HOAc}$ -100:1:1) to afford the title compound as its acetate salt (gum).

The following compounds exemplify the compounds of formula I, which can be prepared according to the described processes:

- 1-[N-(1-Carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydro-  
5 indole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-  
2(S)-caboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]  
octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 10 1-[N-(1-Carboxy-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octa-  
hydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carboxy-2-phenylethyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-  
2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 1-[N-(1-Aminocarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydro-  
indole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-[1-Carboxy-3-(3-indolyl)propyl]-(S)-alanyl]octahydro-  
indole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-[1-Carboethoxy-2-(3-indolyl)ethyl]-(S)-alanyl]octahydro-  
indole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 20 1-[N-(1-Carboxy-2-phenoxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-  
2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-2-phenoxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroin-  
dole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 1-[N-(1-Carboxy-2-phenylthioethyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydro-  
indole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

- 1-[N-(1-Carboxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carboxy-2-cyclohexylethyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 1-[N-(1-Carboxy-5-methylhexyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1,3-Dicarboxypropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 10 1-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]decahydroquinoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]decahydroquinoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 2-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroisoindole-1(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 2-[N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroisoindole-1(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 20 5-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2,2-dimethyloctahydro-1,3-dioxolo[4,5-c]pyrrole-4(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 7-[N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;

- 7-[N-(1-Carbomethoxy-3-methylthiopropyl)-(R,S)-alanyl]-  
1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;  
7-[N-(1-Carboxy-3-methylthiopropyl)-(R,S)-alanyl]-1,4-  
dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 7-{N-[1-Carbomethoxy-2-(3-indolyl)ethyl]-(R,S)-alanyl}-1,4-  
dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;  
7-{N-[1-Carboxy-2-(3-indolyl)ethyl]-(R,S)-alanyl}-1,4-  
dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 10 7-{N-[1-Carbomethoxy-2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)ethyl]-(R,S)-  
alanyl}-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic  
acid;  
7-{N-[1-Carboxy-2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)ethyl]-(R,S)-alanyl}-  
1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 7-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)glycyl]-1,4-dithia-7-  
azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;  
7-[N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)glycyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro-  
[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 20 7-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;  
7-[N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 1-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1-azaspiro-  
[4.4]-nonane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;  
2-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-azaspiro-  
[4.4]-nonane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4(R,S)-  
[2-(1,3-dithianyl)]-(S)-proline;



- N-[N-(1-Carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-N-cyclohexyl-(S)-alanine;
- N-{N-[(1-Carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]}-N-(2,2-diethoxy)ethyl-(S)-alanine;
- 5 N-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-N-[2-(1,3-dithianyl)methyl]-(S)-alanine;
- 1-[N-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]azacyclooctane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]azacyclooctane-10 2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(Ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]azacyclononane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N- $\alpha$ -(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-lysyl]azacyclodecane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 4-[N-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4-azal-thiacyclononane-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5-[N-(1(S)-carboxy-5-aminopentyl)-(R,S)-alanyl]-5-aza-1-oxacyclooctane-4(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-hexahydro-20 furo[3,4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]hexahydrofuro[3,4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-hexahydrofuro[3,4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 1-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-hexahydrofuro[3,4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

- 1-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-hexahydro-  
thieno[3,4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
pyrano[4,3-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 1-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
thiopyrano[4,3-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
furo[3,4-b]pyridine-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-thia-7-  
10 azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-thia-7-  
azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1(S)-Carbomethoxy-3-methylthio)-(R,S)-alanyl]-2-thia-  
7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 7-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)glycyl]-2-thia-7-azaspiro-  
[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)glycyl]-2-thia-7-azaspiro-  
[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-7-oxa-1-  
20 azaspiro-[4.4]nonane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 2-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-8-thia-2-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-oxa-7-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 N-(1(R)-Ethoxycarbonyl-2-benzylthioethyl)-(R,S)-alanyl-(S)-  
proline hydrochloride;

- N-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-2-benzyloxyethyl)-(R,S)-alanyl-(S)-proline hydrochloride;
- 1-[N-(1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-2-phenylethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboxy-2-phenylethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 10 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-2-phenylthioethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-decahydrocyclohepta[b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1-thia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-lysyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-2-benzyloxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 20 N-(1-carboethoxy-2-benzylthioethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-2-cyclohexylethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-5-methylhexyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-indole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-cyclopenta[b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-cyclopenta[c]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydrocyclopenta[c]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 10 1-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-decahydro-quinoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)glycyl]-decahydroquinoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-decahydroquinoline-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 1-[N-(1-carboxy-2-phenylethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydroiso-indole-1(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 4-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-furo[3,2-b]pyrrole-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-pyrano[3,2-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 20 4-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-thieno[3,2-b]pyrrole-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-furo[2,3-c]pyrrole-4(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 5-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyrrole-4(S)-carboxylic acid;

- 4-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
furo[3,2-b]pyridine-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-decahydro-  
pyrano[3,2-b] pyridine-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 4-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
thieno[3,2-b]pyridine-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-decahydro-  
thiopyrano[3,2-b]-pyridine-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 6-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
10 furo[2,3-c]pyridine-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-decahydro-  
pyrano[2,3-c]pyridine-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 6-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
thieno[2,3-c]pyridine-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-decahydro-  
thiopyrano[2,3-c]pyridine-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2,2-dimethyl-  
octahydro-1,3-dioxolo[4,5-c]pyrrole-4(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 6-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-1,4-  
20 dioxino[2,3-c]pyrrole-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-1,3-  
dithiolo[4,5-c]pyrrole-4(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 6-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-1,4-  
dithiino[2,3-c]pyrrole-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 5-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2,2-dimethyl-  
octahydro-1,3-dioxolo[4,5-c]pyridine-6(S)-carboxylic acid;

- 6-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-decahydro-1,4-dioxino[4,5-c]pyridine-7(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5- [N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-1,3-dithiolo[4,5-c]pyridine-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 6-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-decahydro-1,4-dithiino[2,3-c]pyridine-7(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5- [N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-1,3-dioxolo[4,5-c]pyridine-4(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 6-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-decahydro-1,4-dioxino[2,3-c]pyridine-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 10 5- [N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-1,3-dithiolo[4,5-c]pyridine-4(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 6-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-decahydro-1,4-dithiino[2,3-c]pyridine-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboxy-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboxy-2-phenoxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 20 7-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-methylthiopropyl)-(R,S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboxy-3-methylthiopropyl)-(R,S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 7-{N-[1-carboethoxy-2-(3-indolyl)ethyl]-(R,S)-alanyl}-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;

- 7-{N-[1-carboxy-2-(3-indolyl)ethyl]-(R,S)-alanyl}-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-{N-[1-carboethoxy-2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)ethyl]-(R,S)-alanyl}-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 7-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)glycyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dioxo-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-6,10-dioxo-2-azaspiro[4.5]decane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 10 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-6,10-dithia-2-azaspiro[4.5]decane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dioxo-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-6,10-dioxo-2-azaspiro[4.5]decane-1(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-6,10-dithia-2-azaspiro[4.5]decane-1(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 20 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dioxo-7-azaspiro[4.5]decane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.5]decane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 8-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,5-dithia-8-azaspiro[5.5]undecane-9(S)-carboxylic acid;

- 8-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dioxo-  
8-azaspiro[4.5]decane-7(S)-carboxylic acid;  
9-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,5-dioxo-  
9-azaspiro[5.5]undecane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;  
5 8-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-  
8-azaspiro[4.5]decane-7(S)-carboxylic acid;  
9-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,5-dithia-  
9-azaspiro[5.5]undecane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;  
1 1-[1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4,4-dimethoxy-  
10 (S)-proline;  
1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-5,5-dimethoxy-  
(S)-pipecolic acid;  
1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3,3-dimethoxy-  
(S)-proline;  
15 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4,4-dimetho-  
xy-(S)-pipecolic acid;  
1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4,4-di(ethyl-  
thio)-(S)-proline;  
1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3,3-di(ethyl-  
20 thio)-(S)-proline;  
1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-5,5-di(ethyl-  
thio)-(S)-pipecolic acid;  
1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4,4-di(ethyl-  
thio)-(S)-pipecolic acid;  
25 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1-azaspiro-  
[4.5]decane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;



- 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-azaspiro-  
[4.5]decane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-azaspiro-  
[4.5]decane-7(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1-azaspiro-  
[5.5]undecane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-7-azaspiro-  
[4.5]decane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 10 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-azaspiro-  
[5.5]undecane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 8-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-8-azaspiro-  
[4.5]decane-7(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 3-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3-azaspiro-  
[5.5]undecane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1-oxa-7-  
azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1-oxa-7-  
azaspiro[4.4]nonane-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1-oxa-7-  
20 azaspiro[4.5]decane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 8-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1-oxa-8-  
azaspiro[5.5]undecane-9(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 8-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1-oxa-8-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-7(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 9-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1-oxa-9-  
azaspiro[5.5]undecane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;

- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4(R,S)-  
(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-(S)-proline;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4(R,S)-  
(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-(S)-proline;
- 5 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4(R,S)-  
(1,3-dithiolan-2-yl)-(S)-proline;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4(R,S)-  
dimethoxymethyl-(S)-proline;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4(R,S)-di-  
10 (ethylthio)methyl-(S)-proline;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4(R,S)-  
(2-tetrahydrofuryl)-(S)-proline;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4(R,S)-  
(2-tetrahydropyranyl)-(S)-proline;
- 15 1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4(R,S)-(1,3-  
dioxolan-2-yl)-(S)-proline;
- 1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-glycyl]-4(R,S)-(1,3-dioxo-  
lan-2-yl)-(S)-proline;
- 1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4(R,S)-(1,3-  
20 dithiolan-2-yl)-(S)-proline;
- 1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-glycyl]-4(R,S)-(1,3-dithiolan-  
2-yl)-(S)-proline;
- 1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4(R,S)-dimethoxy-  
methyl-(S)-proline;
- 25 1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4(R,S)-di(ethyl-  
thio)methyl-(S)-proline;

1- [N- (1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -4 (R,S) - (2-tetrahydrofuryl) - (S) -proline;

1- [N- (1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -4 (R,S) - (2-tetrahydropyranyl) - (S) -proline;

5 1- [N- (1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl) -glycyl] -4 (R,S) - (2-tetrahydropyranyl) - (S) -proline;

N- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -N- (2,2-diethoxy) ethyl- (S) -alanine;

10 N- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -N- (1,3-dioxolan-2-yl) methyl- (S) alanine;

N- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -N- (1,3-dioxan-2-yl) methyl- (S) -alanine;

N- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -N- (1,3-dithiolan-2-yl) methyl- (S) -alanine;

15 N- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -N- (1,3-dithian-2-yl) methyl- (S) -alanine;

N- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -N- (2-tetrahydrofuryl) methyl- (S) -alanine;

20 N- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -N- (2-tetrahydropyranyl) methyl- (S) -alanine;

N- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -N- (2-tetrahydrothienyl) methyl- (S) -alanine;

N- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -N-cyclohexyl- (S) -alanine;

25 N- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -N-cyclopentyl- (S) -alanine;

- N-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3-(2-methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-(S)-alanine;
- N-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3-(2-methyl-1,3-dithiolan-2-yl)-(S)-alanine;
- 5 N-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3-(2-methyl-1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-(S)-alanine;
- N-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3-(2-methyl-1,3-dithian-2-yl)-(S)-alanine;
- N-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3-(2-methyl-2-tetrahydrofuryl)-(S)-alanine;
- 10 N-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3-(2-methyl-2-tetrahydropyranyl)-(S)-alanine;
- N-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3-(2-methyl-2-tetrahydrothienyl)-(S)-alanine;
- 15 N-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3-(2-methyl-2-tetrahydrothiopyranyl)-(S)-alanine;
- 1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-azacyclononane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-azacyclo-
- 20 decane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-azacyclodecane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N- $\alpha$ -(1-methoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-lysyl]-azacyclooctane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 1-[N- $\alpha$ -(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-lysyl]-azacyclononane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

- 1-[N-(1(S)-carboxy-5-aminopentyl)alanyl]-azacyclononane-  
2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 4-[N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4-aza-  
1-oxacyclooctane-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 4-[N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4-aza-  
1-thiacyclooctane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-5-aza-1-  
oxacyclononane-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5-[N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-5-aza-  
10 1-oxacyclononane-4(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 4-[N-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4-aza-  
1-thiacyclononane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 4-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4-aza-1-  
oxacyclodecane-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 5-[N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-5-aza-  
1-oxacyclodecane-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 6-[N-(1-methoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-6-aza-  
1-thiacyclodecane-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5-[N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-5-aza-  
20 1-oxacyclodecane-4(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 4-[N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-4-aza-  
1-oxacyclodecane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl] hexahydro-  
furo[3,4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-2-phenylethyl)-(S)-alanyl]hexahydrofuro-  
[3,4-b]-pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

1-[N-(1-carboxy-2-phenylethyl)-(S)-alanyl]hexahydrofuro-  
[3,4-b] pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

5-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]hexahydro-  
furo[3,4-c]pyrrole-4(S)-carboxylic acid;

5 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]hexahydro-  
thieno[3,4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

5-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]hexahydro-  
thieno[3,4-c]pyrrole-4(S)-carboxylic acid;

10 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
pyrano[3,4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
pyrano[3,4-c]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
pyrano[3,4-c]pyrrole-3(S)-carboxylic acid;

15 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
pyrano[3,4-c]pyrrole-1(S)-carboxylic acid;

1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
thiopyrano[4,3-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

20 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
thiopyrano[3,4-b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

3-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
thiopyrano[3,4-c]pyrrole-1(S)-carboxylic acid;

2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
thiopyrano[3,4-c]pyrrole-3(S)-carboxylic acid;

25 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-octahydro-  
furo[3,4-b]pyridine-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

- 5- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -octahydro-  
furo[3,4-c]pyridine-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -octahydro-  
furo[3,4-c]pyridine-4(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 1- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -octahydro-  
thieno[3,4-b]pyridine-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -octahydro-  
thieno[3,4-c]pyridine-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -octahydro-  
10 thieno[3,4-c]pyridine-4(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -octahydro-  
pyrano[3,4-b]pyridine-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -octahydro-  
pyrano[4,3-b]pyridine-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 7- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -octahydro-  
pyrano[3,4-c]pyridine-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 6- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -octahydro-  
pyrano[4,3-c]pyridine-7(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 6- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -octahydro-  
20 pyrano[4,3-c]pyridine-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -octahydro-  
pyrano[3,4-c]pyridine-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -octahydro-  
thiopyrano[3,4-b]pyridine-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 1- [N- (1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl) - (S) -alanyl] -octahydro-  
thiopyrano[4,3-b]pyridine-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydro-  
thiopyrano[3,4-c]pyridine-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 6-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydro-  
thiopyrano[4,3-c]pyridine-7(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 6-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydro-  
thiopyrano[4,3-c]pyridine-5(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydro-  
thiopyrano[3,4-c]pyridine-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydrofuro-  
10 [3,4-c]pyridine-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydrothieno-  
[3,4-b]pyridine-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydrothieno-  
[3,4-c]pyridine-4(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydropyrano-  
[3,4-b]pyridine-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydropyrano-  
[3,4-c]pyridine-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-oxa-7-  
20 azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-7-oxa-1-  
azaspiro[4.4]nonane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-oxa-7-  
azaspiro[4.4]nonane-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 7-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-thia-7-  
azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;



- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-7-thia-1-  
azaspiro[4.4]nonane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-thia-7-  
azaspiro[4.4]nonane-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 2[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-7-oxa-2-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-8-oxa-2-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 10 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-7-oxa-1-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-8-oxa-1-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-7-oxa-2-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-1(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-8-oxa-2-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-1(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-7-thia-2-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 2-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-8-thia-2-  
20 azaspiro[4.5]decane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-7-thia-1-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-8-thia-1-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-7-thia-2-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-1(S)-carboxylic acid;

- 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-8-thia-2-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-1(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 6-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-oxa-6-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-7(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 7-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-oxa-7-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 8-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-oxa-8-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-7(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-oxa-7-  
10 azaspiro[4.5]decane-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)glycyl]-2-thia-7-  
azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)glycyl]-2-thia-7-azaspiro-  
[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 2-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-7-oxa-2-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 2-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-8-oxa-2-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-7-oxa-1-  
20 azaspiro[4.5]decane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 6-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-thia-6-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-7(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-thia-7  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 8-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-thia-8-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-7(S)-carboxylic acid;

- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-thia-7-  
azaspiro[4.5]decane-6(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-8-oxa-1-  
azaspiro[5.5]undecane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-9-oxa-1-  
azaspiro[5.5]undecane-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 8-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-oxa-8-  
azaspiro[5.5]undecane-9(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 2-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-9-oxa-2-  
10 azaspiro[5.5]undecane-3(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 9-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-oxa-9-  
azaspiro[5.5]undecane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 9-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3-oxa-9-  
azaspiro[5.5]undecane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 15 8-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-2-oxa-8-  
azaspiro[5.5]undecane-7(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 8-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3-oxa-8-  
azaspiro[5.5]undecane-7(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-methylthio)-(R,S)-alanyl]-2-thia-7-  
20 azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- N-(1-carboxy-2-benzyloxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl-(S)-proline;
- N-(1-carboxy-2-benzylthioethyl)-(S)-alanyl-(S)-proline;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-2-benzyloxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-  
octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-2-benzylthioethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-  
octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

- 1-[N-(1-carboxy-2-benzyloxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydro-indole-2(S)-carboxylic acid,
- 1-[N-(1-carboxy-2-benzylthioethyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydro-indole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 5 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-2-benzyloxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1-carboethoxy-2-benzylthioethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-2-benzyloxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-
- 10 decahydrocyclohepta[b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-2-benzylthioethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-
- decahydrocyclohepta[b]pyrrole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- N-[1-carboethoxy-2-(4-chlorobenzyloxy)ethyl]-(S)-alanyl-(S)-proline;
- 15 N-[1-carboethoxy-2-(4-chlorobenzylthio)ethyl]-(S)-alanyl-(S)-proline;
- 1- N-[1-carboethoxy-2-(4-chlorobenzyloxy)ethyl]-(S)-alanyl octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1- N-[1-carboethoxy-2-(4-chlorobenzylthio)ethyl]-(S)-alanyl
- 20 octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3a(S),
- 7a(S)-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 7-[N-(1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;
- 25 N-[1(S)-carboethoxy-2-benzyloxyethyl]-(S)-alanyl-(S)-proline;

1-[N-(1(S)-carboethoxy-2-benzyloxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-

3a(S), 7a(S)-octahydroindole-2-(S)-carboxylic acid;

1-[N-(1(R)-carboethoxy-2-benzylthioethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-

3a(S), 7a(S)-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

5 N-[1(R)-carboethoxy-2-benzylthioethyl)-(S)-alanyl-(S)-  
proline;

1-{N-[1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3a(S),  
7a(S)-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid.

10 white crystals, m.p. [°C]: 56-60,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -25.5^\circ$   
N-[1-(R,S)-(3-phenyl-1-ethoxycarbonyl)propyl)-(S)-alanyl-  
4,4-ethylenedithio-(S)-proline

White solid, mp [°C]: 71-3,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -45.2^\circ$  ethanol  
N-[1-(R,S)-(3-phenyl-1-methoxycarbonyl)propyl)-(S)-alanyl-  
octahydroindole-2-carboxylic acid

15 White solid, m.p. [°C]: 71 - 73  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +11.8$  (ethanol)  
N-[1-(R,S)-(3-phenyl-1-methoxycarbonyl)propyl)-(S)-alanyl-  
octahydroindole-2-carboxylic acid

20  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -39.0^\circ$   
7-[N-(3-phenyl-1-ethoxycarbonylpropyl)glycyl]-1,4-dithia-  
7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -45.3$  (ETOH)  
1-{N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl}-cis,  
syn-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid hydrate

25  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -39.5^\circ$  (ETOH)  
1-[N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-cis, syn-  
octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

$[\alpha]_D^{26} = -46.9^\circ$   
1-{N-[1(R,S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl}-  
cis-syn-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid

30  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -2.4^\circ$  (ETOH)  
1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-perhydrocyclo-  
penta[b]pyrrole-2-( )-carboxylic acid

- $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -5.8^\circ$  (ETOH)  
1-[N-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-perhydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrole-2( )-carboxylic acid
- $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -71.3^\circ$  (1% H<sub>2</sub>O) m.p. 90 -100°C  
5 N-[N-(1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-2-benzyloxyethyl)-(R,S)-alanyl]-(S)-proline hydrochloride hemihydrate
- $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -73.4^\circ$  (1% H<sub>2</sub>O)  
N-(1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-2-thiobenzyloxyethyl)-(R,S)-alanyl-(S)-proline hydrochloride
- 10 m.p. 121-122°C  
1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-cis,syn-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid
- orange solid, m.p. [°C]: 124 (decomposes)  
N-(1-(R)-ethoxycarbonyl-2-thiobenzyloxy ethyl)-(R,S)-alanyl-  
15 cis-syn-octahydroindole-2-(S)-carboxylic acid hydrochloride dihydrate
- colorless oil, mass spec. peak at 520  
1-{N-[1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl}cis,  
syn-octahydroindole-2-(S)-carboxylic acid benzyl ester
- 20 1-[N-[1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl]-cis-syn-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid ethyl ester hydrochloride hemihydrate
- yellow solid, m.p. [°C]: 55-60  
N-(1-(R)-ethoxycarbonyl-2-(4-methylthiobenzyloxy)-ethyl)-  
25 (R,S)-alanyl-cis, syn-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid
- white solid, m.p. [°C]: 148-150,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -39.3^\circ$  (H<sub>2</sub>O).  
1-{N-[1(S)-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl}cis, syn-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid hydrate
- colorless oil, mass spec. peak at 508  
30 N-[N-[1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl]-1-azacyclooctane-2(R,S)-carboxylic acid benzyl ester
- off white foam,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = +16.4^\circ$  (LTOH)  
1-{N-[1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl} 1-azacyclooctane-2(R,S)-carboxylic acid hydrate
- 35 colorless oil,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -44.7^\circ$   
1-{N-[1(R)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl}cis, syn-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid benzyl ester

off white foam,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -42.5^\circ$  (ETOH)  
1-[N $\alpha$ -[1( )-ethoxycarbonyl-2-phenylpropyl]-(S)-lysyl]cis,syn-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid hydrate (diastereomer a)

5 off white foam,  $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -36.4^\circ$   
1-[N $\alpha$ -[1( )-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-lysyl]cis,  
syn-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid (diastereomer b)

The following examples describe in detail composition that are illustrative of the present invention. It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that many  
10 modifications, both of materials and methods, may be practiced without departing from the purpose and intent of this disclosure.

In the following examples, the active ingredient is 1-{N-[1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl}-3a(S),  
15 7a(S)-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid.

Formulation 1

<u>Capsule</u>	<u>Amount (mg)</u>	
Active ingredient	250.0	125.0
Lactose	173.0	86.5
5 Corn Starch	75.0	37.5
Magnesium Stearate	<u>2.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>
	500.0	250.0

Blend the active ingredient, lactose and corn starch until uniform; then blend the magnesium stearate into the resulting powder. Encapsulate the mixture into suitably sized tow-piece hard gelatin capsules.

Formulation 2

<u>Tablet</u>	<u>Amount (mg)</u>	
Active ingredient	250.0	125.0
15 Lactose	161.0	80.5
Corn Starch	12.0	6.0
Water (per thousand tablets)	120 ml (evaporates)	60 ml (evaporates)
Corn Starch	75.0	37.5
Magnesium Stearate	<u>2.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>
20	500.0	250.0

Blend the active ingredient with the lactose until uniform. Blend the smaller quantity of corn starch with the water and add the resulting corn starch paste, then mix until a uniform wet mass is formed. Add the remaining corn



starch to the remaining wet mass and mix until uniform granules are obtained. Screen the granules through a suitable milling machine, using a 3/4 inch stainless steel screen. Dry the milled granules in a suitable drying oven  
5 until the desired moisture content is obtained. Mill the dried granules through a suitable milling machine using a 16 mesh stainless steel screen. Blend in the magnesium stearate and compress the resulting mixture into tablets of desired shape, thickness, hardness and disintegration.

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Formulation 3

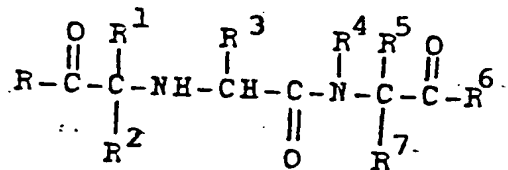
<u>Injectable Solution</u>	<u>mg/ml</u>
Active ingredient	5.00
Methyl-p-hydroxybenzoate	0.80
Propyl-p-hydroxybenzoate	0.10
15 Disodium Edetate	0.10
Citric Acid Monohydrate	0.08
Dextrose	40.0
Water for injection qs. ad.	1.0 ml

Dissolve the p-hydroxybenzoates in a portion of  
20 water for injection at 60-70°C and cool the solution to 25-35°C. Charge and dissolve all other excipients and the active ingredient. Bring the solution to final volume, filter it through a sterilizing membrane and fill into sterile containers.

Following the procedures of formulation 1, 2 and 3, substitute 1-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid; 1-[N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid; N-[1(S)-carboethoxy-2-benzyloxyethyl]-(S)-alanyl-(S)-proline; or N-[1(R)-carboethoxy-2-benzylthioethyl]-(S)-alanyl-proline or other compounds of the present invention for 1-[N-1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl]-3a(S), 7a(S)-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid to prepare other compositions of the present invention.

We claim:

1. A compound of the formula

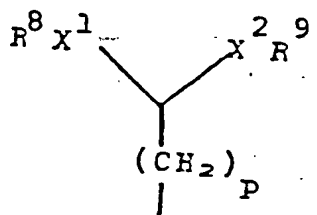


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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R and R<sup>6</sup> are the same or different and are hydroxy, lower alkoxy, lower alkenyloxy, dilower alkylamino lower alkoxy, acylamino lower alkoxy, acyloxy lower alkoxy, aryloxy, aryllower alkoxy, amino, lower alkylamino, dilower alkylamino, hydroxy-amino, aryllower alkylamino, or substituted aryloxy or substituted aryllower alkoxy wherein the substituent is methyl, halo or methoxy; R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl of from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, substituted lower alkyl wherein the substituent is hydroxy, lower alkoxy, aryloxy, substituted aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, substituted heteroaryloxy, amino, lower alkyl-amino, diloweralkylamino, acylamino, arylamino, substituted arylamino, guanidino, imidazolyl, indolyl, lower alkylthio, arylthio, substituted arylthio, carboxy, carbamoyl, lower alkoxy carbonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyloxy, substituted aralkyloxy, aralkylthio or substituted aralkylthio, wherein the aryl or heteroaryl portion of said substituted aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryl, aralkyloxy, aralkylthio group is substituted with a group selected

from halo, lower alkyl, hydroxy, lower alkoxy, amino, amino-  
methyl, carboxyl, cyano, or sulfamoyl;  $R^2$  and  $R^7$  are the  
same or different and are hydrogen or lower alkyl;  $R^3$  is  
hydrogen, lower alkyl, phenyl lower alkyl, aminomethylphenyl  
5 lower alkyl, hydroxyphenyl lower alkyl, hydroxy lower alkyl,  
acylamino lower alkyl, amino lower alkyl, dimethylamino lo-  
wer alkyl, guanidino lower alkyl, imidazolyl lower alkyl,  
indolyl lower alkyl, or lower alkyl thio lower alkyl;  $R^4$  and  
 $R^5$  are the same or different and are hydrogen, lower alkyl or  
10 Z, or  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  taken together form a group represented by  
Q, U, V, Y, D or E, wherein;

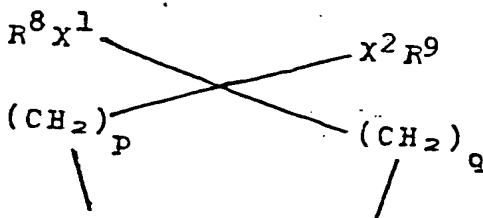
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wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  independent of each other are O, S or  $CH_2$ ,  
15  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  independent of each other are lower alkyl, lower  
alkenyl, lower alkynyl, cycloalkyl having 3 to 8 carbon atoms,  
hydroxy lower alkyl, or  $-(CH_2)_n Ar$ , wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or  
3 and Ar is unsubstituted or substituted phenyl, furyl,  
thienyl or pyridyl, wherein said substituted phenyl, furyl,  
20 thienyl or pyridyl groups are substituted with at least one  
group that is independently selected from  $C_1$  to  $C_4$  alkyl,  
lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, halo,  $CF_3$  and hydroxy, or  $R^8$

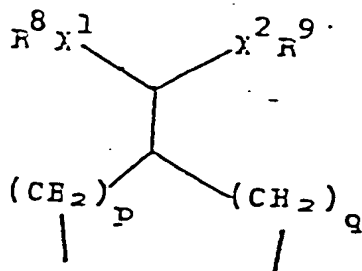
and  $R^9$  taken together form a bridge W, wherein W is a single bond or a methylene bridge or a substituted methylene bridge when at least one of  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  is methylene, or W is an alkylene or substituted alkylene bridge having 2 or 3 carbon atoms, said substituted methylene bridge or said substituted alkylene bridge having one or two substituents selected from lower alkyl, aryl and aryl lower alkyl groups, and p is 0, 1 or 2; with the proviso that at least one of  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  is Z, with the proviso that if  $R^4$  is Z and p is 0 then  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  must both be methylene, and with the proviso that if  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are both methylene then  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  must form an alkylene bridge W;

Q is



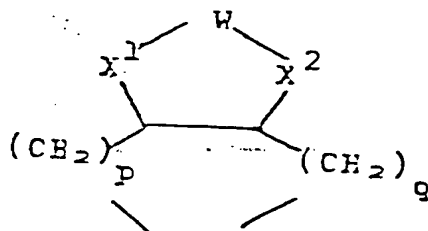
wherein  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are as defined above, p is 0, 1 or 2, q is 0, 1 or 2, with the proviso that the sum of p and q must be 1, 2 or 3, with the proviso that if p is 0 then  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  must be methylene, and with the proviso that if  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are methylene then  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together form a bridge W, wherein W is as defined above;

V is



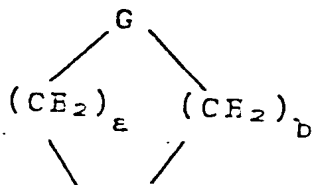
wherein  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are as defined above,  $p$  is 0, 1 or 2 and  $q$  is 0, 1 or 2; with the proviso that the sum of  $p$  and  $q$  is 1, 2 or 3, with the proviso that if  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are  $CH_2$  then  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together form a bridge  $W$ , wherein  $W$  is as defined above;

U is



wherein  $W$  is as defined above (except that  $W$  may also be a methylene bridge when  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are oxygen or sulfur),  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are as defined above,  $p$  is 0, 1 or 2,  $q$  is 0, 1 or 2, with the proviso that the sum of  $p$  and  $q$  is 1 or 2, and with the proviso that if  $p$  is 0,  $X^1$  must be  $CH_2$ ;

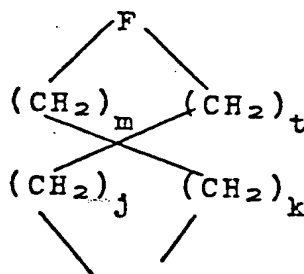
Y is



wherein G is oxygen, sulfur or  $\text{CH}_2$ , a is 2, 3 or 4 and b is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, with the proviso that the sum of a and b is 5, 6 or 7 or

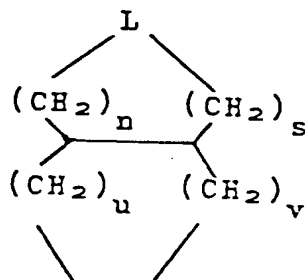
G is  $\text{CH}_2$ , a is 0, 1, 2 or 3, b is 0, 1, 2 or 3 with the  
 5 proviso that the sum of a and b is 1, 2 or 3, with the proviso that the sum of a and b may be 1, 2 or 3 only if  $\text{R}^1$  is lower alkyl substituted with aralkylthio or aralkyloxy;

D is



10 wherein F is O or S, j is 0, 1 or 2 and k is 0, 1 or 2, with the proviso that the sum of j and k must be 1, 2 or 3, and m is 1, 2 or 3 and t is 1, 2 or 3, with the proviso that the sum of m and t must be 2, 3 or 4;

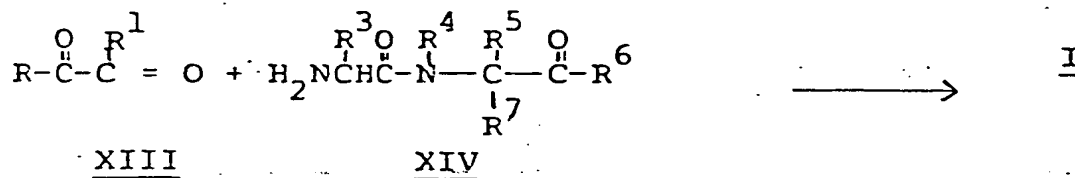
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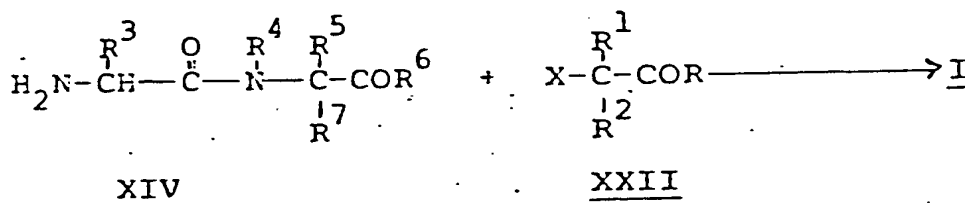
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wherein L is O or S, u is 0, 1 or 2 and v is 0, 1 or 2, with the proviso that the sum of u and v must be 1 or 2, and h is 1 or 2 and s is 1 or 2, with the proviso that the sum of h and s must be 2 or 3, characterized in that the compound is prepared by an appropriate process selected from the following processes (whereby in the following formulae R, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are as defined for formula I, including suitable protection):

- a) for the preparation of compounds of formula I wherein R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen) condensation of a ketocompound (XIII with a dipeptide (XIV) under reduction



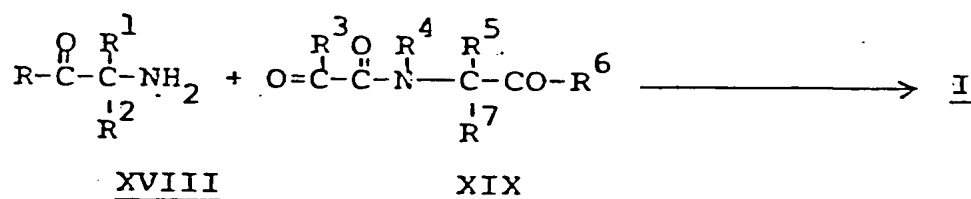
- b) alkylation of a dipeptide (XIV) by means of a compound (XXII)



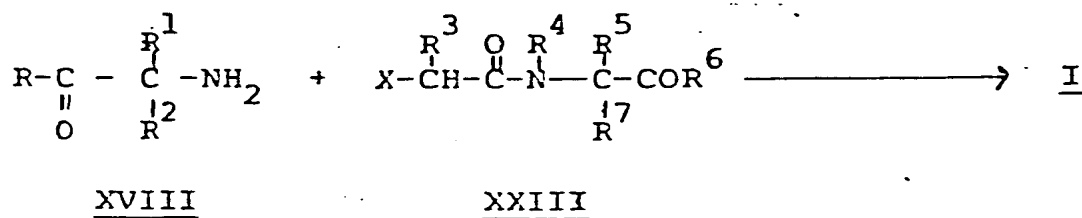
wherein X is chloro, bromo, iodo, alkanesulfonyloxy or arenesulfonyloxy;



c) condensation of an amino compound (XVIII) with a keto-compound (XIX) under reduction

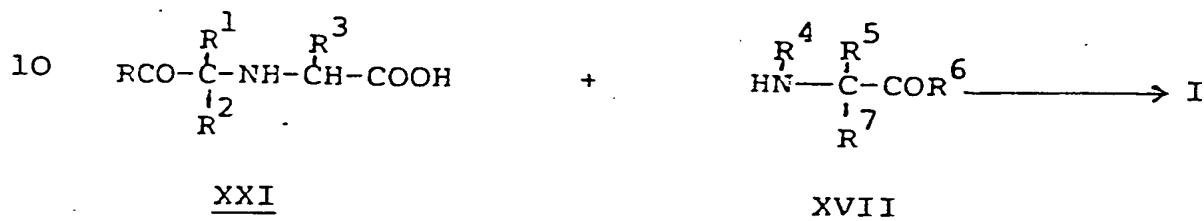


d) alkylation of an aminocompound (XVIII) by means of a compound (XXIII)



wherein X is chloro, bromo, iodo, alkanesulfonyloxy or arenesulfonyloxy;

e) condensation of an aminoacid (XXI) with an aminoacid (XVII)



followed by removal of the protecting groups if necessary to yield the desired product, and if desired, converting a so obtained compound of formula I into another compound of formula I, and, if desired, preparing a salt thereof and, if desired, isolating the preferred isomer.

methylene and W is methylene and p preferably is zero and q preferably is 1 or 2; or wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are methylene and W is ethylene and wherein preferably p is 0 and q is 1 or 2 or p is 1 and q is 0; or wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are methylene and  
5 W is trimethylene and wherein preferably p is 0 and q is 1; or wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are 0, W is methylene and p and q are as defined in claim 1.

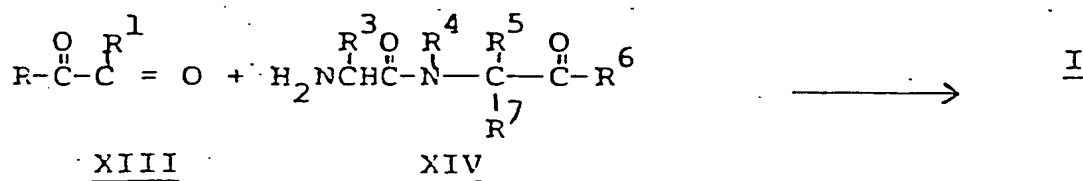
6. A compound according to claim 1, wherein  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  taken together form the group Y, wherein G is oxygen or  
10 sulfur, and the sum of a and b is 5, or wherein G is  $CH_2$  and the sum of a and b is 5 or 2.

7. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein  $R^1$  is substituted lower alkyl; wherein the substituent is unsubstituted or lower-alkyl-substituted aryl,  
15 aralkyloxy or aralkylthio,  $R^1$  preferably being substituted lower alkyl, wherein the substituent is aralkyloxy or aralkylthio, preferably benzyloxy or benzylthio.

8. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein R and  $R^6$  are the same or different and are hydroxy,  
20 lower alkoxy or aryllower alkoxy;  $R^2$  and  $R^7$  are hydrogen; and  $R^3$  is hydrogen, lower alkyl or phenyl lower alkyl, preferably R being hydroxy, methoxy or ethoxy;  $R^6$  being hydroxy, ethoxy or benzyloxy;  $R^2$  and  $R^7$  being hydrogen; and  $R^3$  being hydrogen, methyl or benzyl.

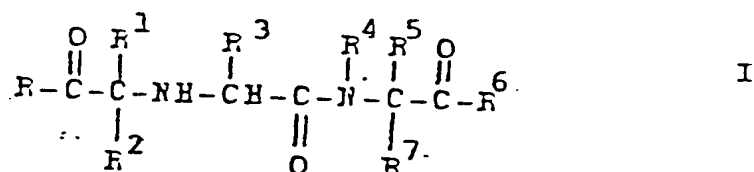
9. A compound according to claim 1, which is  
 1-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3a(S),  
 7a(S)-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid,  
 1-[N-[1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl]-3a(S),  
 7a(S)-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid,  
 7-[N-(1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-  
 dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid,  
 N-[1(S)-carboethoxy-2-benzyloxyethyl]-(S)-alanyl-(S)-proline,  
 N-[1(R)-carboethoxy-2-benzylthioethyl]-(S)-alanyl-(S)-  
 proline,  
 1-[N-(1(S)-carboethoxy-2-benzyloxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3a(S),  
 7a(S)-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid, or  
 1-[N-(1(R)-carboethoxy-2-benzylthioethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3a(S),  
 7a(S)-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid.

10. Process for the preparation of a compound of  
 formula I as defined in any one of claim 1 to 9, charac-  
 terized in that the compound is prepared by an appropriate  
 process selected from the following processes (whereby in  
 the following formulae R, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup>  
 are as defined for formula I, including suitable protection):  
 a) for the preparation of compounds of formula I wherein  
 R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen) condensation of a ketocompound (XIII with  
 a dipeptide (XIV) under reduction



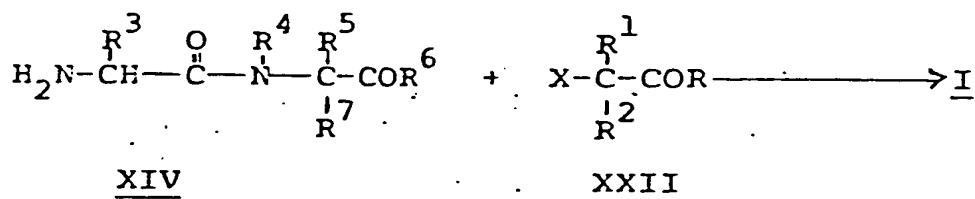
Claims for Austria

1. Process for the preparation of a compound of the general formula



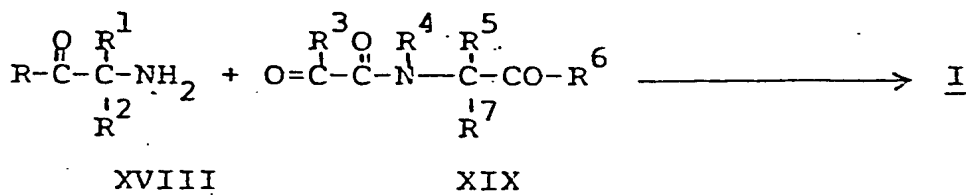
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R and  
5 R<sup>6</sup> are the same or different and are hydroxy, lower alkoxy,  
lower alkenyloxy, dilower alkylamino lower alkoxy, acylamino  
lower alkoxy, acyloxy lower alkoxy, aryloxy, aryllower  
alkoxy, amino, lower alkylamino, dilower alkylamino, hydroxy-  
amino, aryllower alkylamino, or substituted aryloxy or sub-  
10 stituted aryllower alkoxy wherein the substituent is methyl,  
halo or methoxy; R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl of from 1 to 10 car-  
bon atoms, substituted lower alkyl wherein the substituent  
is hydroxy, lower alkoxy, aryloxy, substituted aryloxy,  
heteroaryloxy, substituted heteroaryloxy, amino, lower alkyl-  
15 amino, diloweralkylamino, acylamino, arylamino, substituted  
arylamino, guanidino, imidazolyl, indolyl, lower alkylthio,  
arylthio, substituted arylthio, carboxy, carbamoyl, lower  
alkoxy carbonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyloxy, sub-  
stituted aralkyloxy, aralkylthio or substituted aralkylthio,  
20 wherein the aryl or heteroaryl portion of said substituted  
aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, arylamino, arylthio, aryl, aralkyl-  
oxy, aralkylthio group is substituted with a group selected

b) alkylation of a dipeptide (XIV) by means of a compound (XXII)

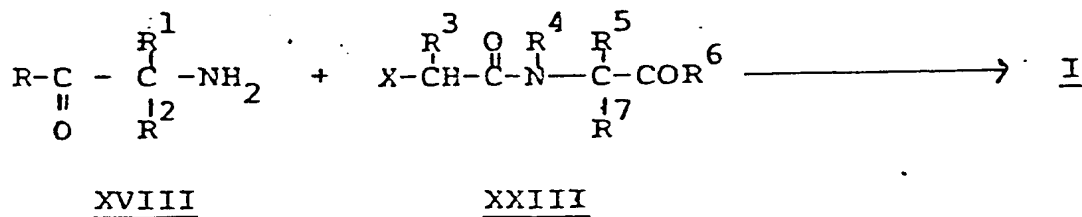


wherein X is chloro, bromo, iodo, alkanesulfonyloxy or arenesulfonyloxy;

c) condensation of an amino compound (XVIII) with a keto-compound (XIX) under reduction



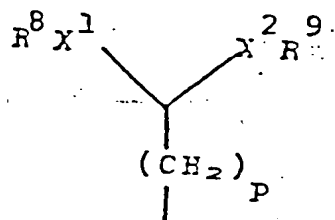
d) alkylation of an aminocompound (XVIII) by means of a compound (XXIII)



wherein X is chloro, bromo, iodo, alkanesulfonyloxy or arenesulfonyloxy;

e) condensation of an aminoacid (XXI) with an aminoacid (XVII)

from halo, lower alkyl, hydroxy, lower alkoxy, amino, amino-  
methyl, carboxyl, cyano, or sulfamoyl;  $R^2$  and  $R^7$  are the  
same or different and are hydrogen or lower alkyl;  $R^3$  is  
hydrogen, lower alkyl, phenyl lower alkyl, aminomethylphenyl  
5 lower alkyl, hydroxyphenyl lower alkyl, hydroxy lower alkyl,  
acylamino lower alkyl, amino lower alkyl, dimethylamino lo-  
wer alkyl, guanidino lower alkyl, imidazolyl lower alkyl,  
indolyl lower alkyl, or lower alkyl thio lower alkyl;  $R^4$  and  
 $R^5$  are the same or different and are hydrogen, lower alkyl or  
10 Z, or  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  taken together form a group represented by  
Q, U, V, Y, D or E, wherein;  
Z is



wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  independent of each other are O, S or  $CH_2$ ,  
15  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  independent of each other are lower alkyl, lower  
alkenyl, lower alkynyl, cycloalkyl having 3 to 8 carbon atoms,  
hydroxy lower alkyl, or  $-(CH_2)_n Ar$ , wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or  
3 and Ar is unsubstituted or substituted phenyl, furyl,  
thienyl or pyridyl, wherein said substituted phenyl, furyl,  
20 thienyl or pyridyl groups are substituted with at least one  
group that is independently selected from  $C_1$  to  $C_4$  alkyl,  
lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, halo,  $CF_3$  and hydroxy, or  $R^8$

2. Process according to claim 1, characterized in that a compound of formula I is prepared wherein one of  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  is Z, wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are methylene,  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together form W, preferably being an alkylene  
5 bridge having 3 carbon atoms and p is 0, 1 or 2, preferably 0 or 1.

3. Process according to claim 1, characterized in that a compound of formula I is prepared wherein one of  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  is Z, wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are S, p is 1 and  $R^8$  and  
10  $R^9$  taken together form W, wherein W is as defined in claim 1, preferably being an alkylene bridge having 3 carbon atoms, or wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are O,  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  are lower alkyl and p is as defined in claim 1.

4. Process according to claim 1, characterized in  
15 that a compound of formula I is prepared wherein  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  taken together form the group Q, wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are methylene,  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together form the bridge W, W preferably being an ethylene bridge, and wherein p and q are each 1 or wherein p is 0 and q is 2; or wherein  $X^1$   
20 and  $X^2$  are S, and  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  taken together form an ethylene bridge and p and q preferably are each 1 or p is 1 and q is 2.

5. Process according to claim 1, characterized in

that a compound of formula I is prepared wherein  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  taken together form the group U, wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are methylene and W is methylene and p preferably is zero and q preferably is 1 or 2; or wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are methylene and W is ethylene and wherein preferably p is 0 and q is 1 or 2 or p is 1 and q is 0; or wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are methylene and W is trimethylene and wherein preferably p is 0 and q is 1; or wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are O, W is methylene and p and q are as defined in claim 1.

6. Process according to claim 1, characterized in that a compound of formula I is prepared wherein  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  taken together form the group Y, wherein G is oxygen or sulfur, and the sum of a and b is 5, or wherein G is  $CH_2$  and the sum of a and b is 5 or 2.

7. Process according to any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that a compound of formula I is prepared wherein  $R^1$  is substituted lower alkyl; wherein the substituent is unsubstituted or lower-alkyl-substituted aryl, aralkyloxy or aralkylthio,  $R^1$  preferably being substituted lower alkyl, wherein the substituent is aralkyloxy or aralkylthio, preferably benzyloxy or benzylthio.



8. Process according to any one of claim 1 to 7, characterized in that a compound of formula I is prepared wherein R and R<sup>6</sup> are the same or different and are hydroxy, lower alkoxy or aryl lower alkoxy; R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are hydrogen; and R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, lower alkyl or phenyl lower alkyl, preferably R being hydroxy, methoxy or ethoxy; R<sup>6</sup> being hydroxy, ethoxy or benzyloxy; R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> being hydrogen; and R<sup>3</sup> being hydrogen, methyl or benzyl.

9. Process according to claim 1, characterized in that a compound of formula I is prepared which is

1-[N-(1-carbomethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3a(S),  
7a(S)-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid;

1-[N-[1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl]-3a(S),  
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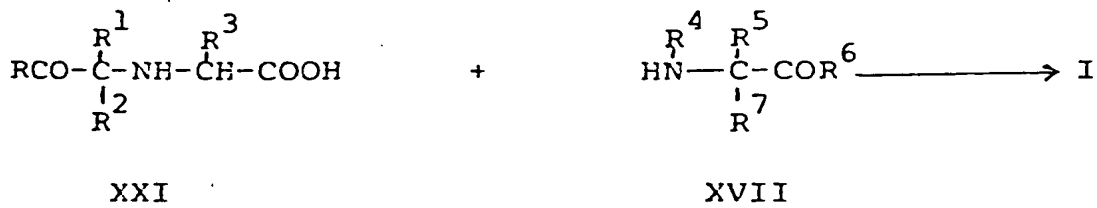
7-[N-(1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-  
dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid;

N-[1(S)-carboethoxy-2-benzyloxyethyl]-(S)-alanyl-(S)-  
proline;

N-[1(R)-carboethoxy-2-benzylthioethyl]-(S)-alanyl-(S)-  
proline;

1-[N-(1(S)-carboethoxy-2-benzyloxyethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3a(S),  
7a(S)-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid; or

1-[N-(1(R)-carboethoxy-2-benzylthioethyl)-(S)-alanyl]-3a(S),  
7a(S)-octahydroindole-2(S)-carboxylic acid.



followed by removal of the protecting groups if necessary  
 to yield the desired product, and if desired, converting  
 a so obtained compound of formula I into another compound  
 5 of formula I, and, if desired, preparing a salt thereof and,  
 if desired, isolating the preferred isomer.

11. Process according to claim 10, characterized in  
 that 2-(S)-benzyloxycarbonyl-cis,syn-octahydroindole and  
 N-(1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanine are  
 10 subjected to condensation in the presence of N-methylmorpho-  
 line and diphenylphosphorylazide, followed by isolation of  
 1-[N-[1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl]-3a(S),  
 7a(S)-octahydroindole-2-(S)-carboxylic acid benzyl ester,  
 hydrogenation thereof and isolation of the desired isomer.

15 12. A pharmaceutical composition useful in the  
 treatment of hypertension, comprising a compound of the  
 general formula I as defined in any one of claims 1 to 9  
 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, preferably  
 in admixture with a suitable pharmaceutically acceptable  
 carrier or excipient.

10. Process according to claim 1, characterized in that 2-(S)-benzyloxycarbonyl-cis,syn-octahydroindole and N-(1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanine are subjected to condensation in the presence of N-methyl-  
5 morpholine and diphenylphosphorylazide, followed by isolation of 1-{N-[1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-(S)-alanyl}-3a(S),7a(S)-octahydroindole-2-(S)-carboxylic acid benzyl ester, hydrogenation thereof and isolation of the desired isomer.